

# DEATH AND DESTRUCTION OCCURS VERY NEAR HOME

**Louisville, in Our Own County, Receives a Hard Jolt, Besides the Great Damages Done Property—Several Killed and Injured.**

**LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$250,000**

**Meadow, Richfield, Fort Crook and Bellevue Sustain Great Damages.**

The Burlington people were notified early last evening that a terrible storm had visited Louisville, and much destruction of property had been done, including railroad property also. A wrecking crew departed from here between 6 and 7 o'clock, as the reports from there were very meagre, and it was supposed that traffic would be greatly interfered with. While the destruction was very great, it was not nearly so great as was supposed when first reported. The wrecking crew returned about 10:30 last night.

### The Course of the Tornado.

Shortly after 4 o'clock a tunnel-shaped cloud made its appearance south of Louisville and South Bend, swept in a northeasterly direction across Sarry county, crossing the Missouri river at Bellevue into Iowa, spending its force in a cloud-burst, demolishing everything in its pathway. Louisville, Fort Crook, and Bellevue being right in line, they received great injury. Louisville, in this county, was in all probability more seriously damaged than either of the other towns, and farm property along its course was also greatly damaged. It is almost impossible to secure a definite report of the damages done at the present time, but it is safe to say that it is much greater than the people of that enterprising town can stand.

### Tornado's Antics at Louisville.

Only one life was lost and that occurred one mile west of the city, at the Omaha Hydraulic Pressed Brick company's works, the little 5-year-old son of Dr. Hester, the manager of the plant, while his wife was seriously injured and it is feared she cannot live, as is the case of another and younger child. The remaining children had not returned from school and were therefore not in the storm. This is the saddest part of the catastrophe which has visited the stirring and progressive city of Louisville. Among other things which the storm did was the destruction of the blacksmith shop of Fred Brand, and a number of other buildings which surrounded it, while the house which he used for a dwelling was completely shorn of its shingles and the house left standing. At the residence of C. A. Richey the porch was taken off the front of the house and turned upside down and jammed against the house, while the house itself was left almost uninjured otherwise. At the home of George Woods, who had a stone barn and a frame house but a few feet apart, the barn was torn down and the house left uninjured. A scantling was picked up by the wind and driven through the water tank of the Burlington, while a piece of wood went into the brick wall of the bank building for four inches, and it could not be pulled out. A large tree was twisted off at the butt, which it would look like it was impossible to break, and a frame building standing by its side was uninjured. The bank building had the roof blown off and all the windows blown out upstairs.

The Burlington agent, F. E. Starkey, seeing the storm coming, with his family rushed to his home, which is just in the rear of the station, and going to the cellar—getting there just in time, as the house was turned around over them and torn all to pieces, covering the family with the wreckage. They were imprisoned and could not get out. Making an outcry, help came and they were released, uninjured, but very roughly used by the storm and thoroughly frightened.

Words seem inadequate to cover an idea of the destruction performed. At the sand pit, just across the river from the city, were standing five cars loaded with sand, they were all dumped over the bank into the river, a thing which it would be thought utterly impossible. The tower which is used jointly by the Burlington and Missouri Pacific, was blown entirely off the right of way, but not otherwise so badly wrecked. The Burlington station was unroofed, one side blown in and the windows and doors blown out, giving it an appearance as if having been gutted by fire. The old tin covered livery stable was blown down and the wreckage covering the horses, none of which were injured.

The mill which was pretty well filled with flour was blown to pieces, leaving piles of sacks of flour unharmed.

Large cottonwood trees which reached over a hundred feet high were blown over and crushed houses on which they lodged. The most of the damage was on the west side of the street, the east side escaping the seriousness which marked the west. At the pressed brick works, west of town, where the storm first struck, Robert Rosencrans was picked up and carried some two hundred feet and deposited him in a pile of brush, while holding a little child in his arms. Coming on top of Mr. Rosencrans and his precious charge was a lot of debris, such as brush and wreckage, which completely covered them, and scratched him over the face and neck very badly, while the little child was uninjured.

The telegraph and telephone lines are all down. Superintendent Pollock, of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company, says that their entire plant will have to be rebuilt. They have a line working to this place and one to Lincoln, and the place is now again in communication with the outside world. It will require many a day before the effects of those few moments will have been removed from the fair little city. Trees fill the entire streets.

### Great Damage at Bellevue

At Bellevue the tornado struck about 5:45, doing a large amount of damage at the college and in town, and seriously injuring several people. The store of A. Wright was wrecked, the stock was scattered over the country and he was severely injured.

Those whose houses were completely wrecked were Harry Peters, A. Wright, L. N. Purcell, J. R. Glenn, J. B. Dillon, Wesley Huff, and several were partially wrecked. Mrs. L. N. Purcell may die, and Mrs. Gunion and Mrs. Sloan were seriously injured.

By far the greatest damage was done at the college. The tower was blown from Park hall and the building so thoroughly wrecked that in the opinion of President Wadsworth it will be necessary to practically rebuild it. Lowrey hall was unroofed and practically wrecked, and the interior of the building thoroughly drenched. Rankin hall was also partly unroofed and water poured into the building. The barn at the college was wrecked and two horses buried under the wreckage.

### At Fort Crook.

South of Fort Crook City the tornado came in close contact with the Missouri Pacific northbound passenger train, with three heavy laden passenger coaches, in which the passengers were panic-stricken. The engineer, John Scott, began playing with the roaring, rushing monster as an angler plays with the game fish on his line while trying to land him, save in this instance the engineer was playing to save the bait. He held back, then dashed ahead, and slowed up again. Finally it switched around behind the train, when he put on full steam, and every inch of distance that could be gotten out of the engine per second was made until at Gilmore the tornado was outdistanced, and it turned east toward Bellevue.

Fort Crook city is wrecked. Everywhere the streets are strewn with debris, piles of groceries, kitchen utensils, broken timbers and odds and ends. A company of soldiers is on the scene from the fort, keeping guard over the wrecked property and household goods. Jim Lowry's hotel and livery stable is a total wreck and his saloon is badly damaged. The Burlington depot was destroyed and the Missouri Pacific depot badly damaged. Katsky's store was demolished, a blacksmith shop was destroyed and many other buildings in the little town wiped out by the twister.

Officers at the post estimate the damage to the post buildings at \$125,000. Roofs were torn away and many buildings partly wrecked. The roof of the hospital building was entirely destroyed.

### Over in Iowa.

From reports from various sections over in Iowa, serious damage was done along the K. C. and Wabash roads. At Island Park the depot was carried away,

and a number of cars wrecked at Minneola, on the Wabash. The Wabash and K. C. passenger trains passed through to Omaha by the way of Plattsmouth.

## LOOK OUT FOR THIS GRAFT

**A Confidence Game Played on Stockmen at Pacific Junction.**

The Glenwood Tribune, in speaking of the confidence game played on several stockmen at Pacific Junction, says: Alex Cain, a farmer living near Henderson, tells the Tribune man of a new sort of graft or confidence game which should be made public. An unsuccessful effort was made to work it on him, while at Pacific Junction a couple of weeks ago.

Cain recently moved from Henderson to South Dakota. He did not like it up there and after a few days started back to Mills county. He got into Pacific Junction after dark with his two cars of stock and implements. Not long after his arrival there he was accosted by someone at the door of the car. It was a man and he said he was the inspector for the railroad. It would cost Cain \$5 a car to have his stock inspected. He was sorry, however, but he would not be able to do the inspection till the next day.

Cain naturally demurred to this proposition, as he was anxious to proceed that night to Henderson, as he had already been delayed a couple of days on the road. Cain also told him that his stock had been inspected before leaving Dakota, and that he was not aware that the railroads were in the habit of charging for inspection. After a pause of a few moments the man told Cain if he would give him \$5 and say nothing about it he would let him off. This let the light through Cain's mind and he saw he was being worked. He reached for a club back of him in the car and told the scamp to hike, and the fellow disappeared in a hurry in the darkness. The matter was reported at once to the railroad and the city authorities at the Junction, but no trace of the man could be found. It is reported that others have made complaint of being held up in this way at the Junction. Some, no doubt, have paid their money, not knowing that it was a graft, and have gone on to their destination. In the spring of the year there are large numbers of emigrant cars passing through the Junction, and it is possible that many have been caught by the game.

The chap that tackled Cain appeared to be familiar with railroad parlance. He asked to see the contracts which Cain and his son carried and had evidently been at it before.

### How Long Will You Live.

This question should, in the first place interest yourself, but it also interests the insurance companies or societies to which you apply for life insurance. They have to figure out what chance you have to live to old age. The physician takes always in consideration your habits and the general condition of your body. If he sees that you are well nourished, of regular habits and of a healthy constitution, he gladly recommends you and the company accepts your application. Keep your digestion perfect and you will without question, live long. If you will notice that you cannot eat what you like and as much as you like, use at once, Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. It will stimulate the digestive organs to a healthy activity, will dispel your indigestion, strengthen your nerves and make you able to enjoy life. Do not allow your indigestion to become chronic but treat it at the start with Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, 616-622 So Ashland avenue, Chicago, Ill.

### Tearing Up the Streets.

A large force is at work on lower Main street tearing up the paving, preparatory to lowering the same, and from the swiftness in which the work is progressing, it is safe to say that Mr Woodworth will have the work completed long before the allotted time. All the help that can be worked conveniently has been employed, and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible can be done. Evidently the contract for doing this work has fallen into the hands of the right party.

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## ELEVATOR FALLS WITH MAN

**James Pendergast Has Leg Broken and Back Injured In New Y. W. C. A. Building.**

The Omaha Bee of this morning contains the following:

"James Pendergast, employed as foreman of brick construction of the new Young Women's Christian association building, suffered a broken leg and badly sprained his back by the falling of an elevator in which he was riding from the fourth story to the ground. Pendergast had placed an amount of building material on the elevator, which was being conveyed to the top of the structure. When about the fourth floor the cable on the elevator parted and Pendergast was precipitated to the ground. His left leg was broken above the ankle and his back badly sprained. He was attended by Dr. Hirschman and removed to St. Joseph's hospital. He lives with his wife and one child at 1625 First avenue, Council Bluffs."

The unfortunate man will be remembered in Plattsmouth as one of the brothers (James and John Pendergast) who had the contract of doing the brick work on the Parmelee theater, and who formed quite a number of friends while here, who hope for his speedy recovery.

### And This at Weeping Water?

Last Monday night about 9 o'clock a sound of battle drew about forty south siders down by the foot bridge. There was more excitement there in ten or fifteen minutes than has been in the town altogether in the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cappen and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cappen were fishing; William Steele and Samuel Rector came along, and it is reported not only abused the men but took occasion to deal out not very choice language to the ladies. The Cappen boys soon became involved in a quarrel with Rector and Steele and the result of that encounter created the utmost din. The ladies screamed and pleaded, the men that started the row were profane, and it was but a short time before numerous people were on the scene, mostly women, who added to the babel of voices. Such disturbances cannot be avoided some times, but it would seem that if the men wanted to settle their disputes they should wait until the women were absent. If a little liquor were mixed in with the abuse, it would not spoil this story, and two of the combatants were well loaded.—Weeping Water Republican.

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Henry Herz was a business visitor in Council Bluffs, Iowa, today, where he is getting some repairs for his corn planter, as his machinery broke this morning and the planting operation had to stop until the repairs can be obtained.

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## Kraft Clothing Co. MEN'S FURNISHINGS

G. S. Upton of Union was a visitor in the city this afternoon, looking after some business matters.

Miss Christine Shaeffer from west of the city, is visiting in town, the guest at the home of her friend, Miss Terrace Hennings.

E. E. Garrey of Lincoln was a visitor in the city this morning, on his return to the capitol city, after having been at Louisville, looking after the reconstruction of the telegraph service which was interrupted by the storm of Monday evening.

L. G. Larson, has been awarded the contract for the building of the First National Bank, out of the building which was recently occupied by the Coates Dry Goods company. The work will be begun tomorrow and pushed to as early a completion as consistent with the best of work. Emil J. Walters has the contract for the brick work and plastering.

M. Fanger was a visitor in Omaha this afternoon, and was accompanied by V. Zucker, who has been visiting in the city for the past few days.

Mrs. Joseph Kohoutek was a passenger to Omaha this morning, where she will visit for the day with Mrs. Mary Nelson and other relatives and friends.

Rev. Watchel and W. T. Richardson, of Mynard, were business visitors in the city this morning, and while in the city, made this office a very pleasant call.

Mrs. W. B. Peire departed for her home in Denver this morning, after having visited in the city for some time past, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schopp.

George Ballance and A. M. Franks returned this morning from a trip to Las Vegas, N. M., where they have been looking after some lands which Mr. Bullance is selling at that place.

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