

CATASTROPHY OVER- WHELMS CAPITOL

Greatest Flood in History Visits Lincoln, Claiming Life and Property, Leaving Death and Destruction in Its Wake.

Summary of Disaster.

Number of people drowned variously estimated at from nineteen to twenty-five; nineteen at least known dead.

Property loss estimated at not less than \$1,000,000.

Whole blocks collapse and fall into the muddy waters.

One tower of the Nebraska state penitentiary is undermined by the waters and collapses. Water six inches deep invades one of the cell houses.

Street car traffic practically suspended in portions of the city suburbs. Fairview, Mr. Bryan's home, cut off, but break later repaired.

Gas mains cut off and city is in partial darkness and without fuel for cooking purposes.

Railroad lines washed out and traffic paralyzed.

Six inches of water fell in three hours Saturday night.

The rains of Sunday evening caused, great loss of life, in the city of Lincoln and vicinity, with an unprecedented loss of property. The city is truly unfortunate, and almost a calamity to the state, whose fair capitol is thus devastated by the ravages of the angry waters. In her distress the city and her people have the sympathy of all. The World Herald tell of the floods in the following way.

600 Russians Rescued

Six hundred Russians were rescued from the Salt creek bottoms during the morning. Deeds of daring were performed by unknown heroes. Officer Haynie rescued sixty people. Carl Edgar assisted in saving a dozen. Private citizens assisted in bringing in women and children. Boats from Capitol beach were brought and rafts were made from the wreckage from the lumber yards.

Four lives were lost at Fifth and F streets this afternoon. A boat capsized and four children, two boys and two girls, disappeared from view.

Miss Stafford, a school teacher, reported that three persons were drowned on North Twenty-seventh street. She could not supply names.

John Nelson, a milk man, was drowned early this morning. He attempted to rescue some stock near Trimble and West A streets.

Gil Nicholas, laborer, was drowned about noon in the West Lincoln yards. The police received a report that a Russian woman and her five children were drowned at Second and B streets. Four children of Henry Amen were drowned. An effort was made to res-

cue them this morning. A cripple child was saved. The other four sank into the water before a boat could reach them. Amen was a Burlington car repairer.

Otis Field had a narrow escape. His team was drowned. He climbed a small tree and the water almost drowned him before a boat came to his rescue. The waters of the Antelope receded slightly tonight. Salt creek also showed signs of falling. Water was three feet deep on the floor of the Burlington depot.

The Bryan Traveling Men's club managed to get to Twenty-seventh and Y streets by means of boats and rafts. A Missouri Pacific special was waiting to take them to Omaha, where a Union Pacific train will make a fast run to Denver.

Asks Funds for Sufferers.

Mayor Brown left for Denver last night and Acting Mayor Marshall tonight asked for funds to take care of the flood sufferers. No trains came in or left the city today. It is believed that the railroads will be paralyzed for several days. The post office warned patrons not to inundate the office with mail matter.

Prison Tower Falls.

The northwest tower of the state penitentiary, undermined by the waters, went down into a heap of water-soaked masonry this afternoon. Water poured into the buildings of the prison and the dining rooms and kitchen were for a time completely flooded. Most of this water had receded by 11 o'clock tonight. In the west cell house the water was six inches deep. The huge warehouse of Clinton R. Lee, just outside the prison walls, was floated off and lodged dozens of feet away from the main buildings of the penitentiary.

The entire city is in partial darkness tonight the gas mains having been shut off, and there is no fuel for cooking.

Street car traffic was practically suspended in many parts of the city. The line to Fairview was washed completely out, but the company had the break repaired by this evening. Havelock, University Place and the state farm were completely isolated.

Train service has been cut off completely, and passengers in and out of the city have been transferred by boats and handcarts from the city to the trains. It was in the manner that Theodore Bell, selected as temporary chairman for the Denver convention, let the city tonight. It is expected that it will be several days before service is resumed under normal conditions.

The deluge last night was unprecedented. About six inches of water fell in three hours. The rain storm swept over the entire county. The torrent invaded the Russian settlement before the inhabitants realized their danger.

Oreapolis Inundated

The water from the recent rains are now showing up at Oreapolis, and at Papio, just beyond La Platte in immense volumes, both the Papio creek and Platte river being out of their banks. The water was running over the Missouri Pacific tracks at Oreapolis, last evening to the depth of about two inches. The company had a force of men at work with sand bags to keep the water from washing over the tracks and injuring the embankments, in which their tracks rest.

Odd-Fellows Install Officers

Tuesday at the regular meeting of Platte Lodge No. 7 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, district deputy, F. H. Steimker installed the following officers for the coming term: Jacob E. Jones, N. G.; Wm. Holley, V. G.; M. L. Johnson, Trustee; V. O. Mullis, R. S. N. G.; and Chas. Crabill, L. S. N. G.

For Sale!

George Bancraft, 14771; weight 1200 pounds. Record 2:30. Address SOEME DUSTIN, Auburn, Neb.

Shorthorn Bull for Sale.

One good yearling shorthorn registered bull for sale. Mark White, Rock Bluffs.

ALL EXPENSES SETTLED IN FULL

And The Fourth of July Committees Leave \$56.00 in The Treasury

The final meeting of the committees of the celebration were held last night at the council chamber. The meeting was enthusiastic and transacted a large amount of business. In another column appears the treasurer's statement showing a handsome balance on hand.

The meeting tendered a vote of thanks to President Westcott for his active work; also voted thanks to Gov. Sheldon and Hon. W. D. Oldham for their kind services, and to the ladies having charge of the rest rooms. It is proposed to hold a band concert in the city with the balance of the funds in the near future. The baseball team was also voted one dollar apiece for their services, those calling for it to be paid by the treasurer. The celebration was voted a great success.

Nemetz & Co. were awarded the prize for the best decorated window in town. This award was not made until last night, as the committee was badly divided on the question. Among the windows which were more than favorably considered were John W. Crabill's Zuckweiler & Lutz, E. A. Wurl, M. Fanger R. Sherwood & Son, Jos. Fetzer, and a host of others, all of which were very fine.

In the report of the floats in the parade in last night's Journal, an error in reporting float No. 1, which was credited to Ptak & Bajcek, when it should have been the Cigar-makers International Union. All factories were represented on the float and the injustice done those not mentioned was unintentional.

In the mention of the fire at Weidman's Saturday afternoon, the injury to Miss Jennie Johnson was inadvertently overlooked. The young lady suffered painful bruises by flying missiles, but very fortunately escaped serious injuries and she is able to be about again.

It is seldom Fourth of July committees can report a surplus after the bills are paid, but this city was fortunate in having the right kind of men at the head of the big show, and the balance is on the right side. Economy in this instance did not mean stinginess, for the outlay was ample, it was pure business.

4th of July Statement.

Report of treasurer Fourth of July committee:

COLLECTIONS:	
Collected by Ed Donat.....	\$ 38 50
" " M. Fanger.....	125 00
" " J. E. McDaniels.....	51 50
" " Henry R. Gering.....	181 77
" " Jno. Crabill.....	90 50
" " Henry Goos.....	4 25
" " Ed Donat.....	25 00
" " J. P. Falter.....	45 55
" " Jno. Hatt, jr.....	5 70
" " Ed Tutt.....	23 51
Total.....	\$591 28

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid L. J. Mayfield.....	\$ 5 00
" " C. L. Graves.....	5 00
" " R. A. Bates.....	5 00
" " Geo. L. Farley.....	5 00
" " Jno. Martin.....	2 00
" " Kirk Bates.....	15 00
" " F. E. Gens Co.....	18 62
" " Plattsmouth Journal.....	28 00
" " W. L. Pickett.....	50 00
" " Sports and Amusement Com.....	51 50
" " Kirk Bates.....	5 00
" " Geo. L. Farley.....	4 02
" " Henry Herold.....	6 80
" " C. H. Martin.....	5 00
" " Nemetz & Co.....	77 68
" " W. D. Oldham.....	15 00
" " H. G. Wellensick.....	5 50
" " A. Loeb.....	115 80
" " Ed Donat.....	60 00
" " Dr. A. P. Barnes.....	6 67
" " Wm. Werhebein.....	1 00
" " C. L. Martin.....	5 00
" " L. G. Larson.....	9 60
" " H. C. McMaken.....	11 00
" " Jno. Bauer.....	1 20
" " John Waterman.....	7 25
" " L. B. Egenberger.....	5 35
" " W. C. Ramsey.....	7 50
" " H. S. Austin.....	5 83
" " B. A. McElwain.....	15 00
" " Wm. Slater.....	2 00
" " Wm. Kinnemon.....	2 00
" " Phil. Kinnemon.....	2 00
" " Jno. Libershall.....	2 00
" " Tom Sherwood.....	4 00
" " J. Burris.....	2 00
" " J. Hatt, jr.....	70
" " Henry R. Gering.....	4 20
" " Light Co.....	4 50
" " Store rooms.....	2 50
" " Window display.....	5 00
" " Ticket seller.....	1 50
Total disbursements.....	\$584 97
Balance on hand.....	6 31
	\$591 28

Will Loan \$10,000.

I have \$10,000 which I wish to loan on good farm security. Write or phone CLAUDE F. ANDERSON, Pacific Junction, Iowa.

Looses Watch and Money

A man hailing from Falls City, this state, by the name of Peter Louison, formerly from the Scandinavian peninsula, in the old country, but for a number of years making her home at Falls City where he has purchased 18 acres of land, for gardening purposes paying one hundred dollars per acre for the same, and having it all paid for with the exception of the last \$75.00. The recent high waters covered his land destroying his crops, running two feet deep over his gardens, he concluded to come to this town to look for work that he might make a living and pay the remainder of the amount against the place. Arriving here the other night he entered one of the saloons, and getting to much tangle foot board, strolled out to take a rest and wondered down to the Duff Grain Co. elevator, where he sat down to meditate. Here he fell asleep and awoke Friday evening at ten o'clock to find that he was minus a \$45.00 watch and some \$56.40 in money all the possessions which he had with him. He secured enough to write his wife for the number of his watch that he might try and find it. Not securing employment here he departed today for Pacific Junction where he will endeavor to get employment or get to some place where he can. He left his wife and four children at home and from the fact that a man has to go and load up on beer and booze in order to look for work it would seem he had better stayed at home as well.

Earnest Wells

We have received a marked copy of Red Oak (Iowa) Express, containing the following: "We are very glad to inform our readers and the Red Oak public in general that we have succeeded in securing the service of W. E. Wells, late of the Emerson Chronicle, who will lend general assistance in all of the departments of the Express."

"Mr. Wells has been running the Chronicle at Emerson for the past two years and has made splendid newspaper out of that sheet. The paper was recently sold and as we saw opportunity to get a good man we made Mr. Wells an offer which he accepted.

"He has proven himself a good newspaper man there and we have no doubt that he will keep up his record while working on the Express. While his work will be in all departments, which is always the case with the country newspaper man, he will make a specialty of the local field, and any favors that can be shown him while in his duty of gathering and preparing the news will be greatly appreciated by this paper.

"Mr. Wells is a married man and will move his family here in the very near future.

"With this addition to our force we expect to push the Express harder than ever and put it far in the lead of other country weeklies, where it already occupies a prominent position."

Married on the Fourth

Frank Mullica and Miss Goldie G. Scott, of Glenwood, Iowa, came over to the city last Saturday and celebrated the Glorious Fourth, and while here secured a marriage license of the county judge and were by him united in marriage at the home of the uncle of the bride, Joseph Parker and wife. The young couple are both from a few miles across the river, having been born and living there all their lives, being well and favorably known by many of our people. The Journal joins their many friends here and at their home in wishing them a pleasant journey through life and that their pathway may be strewn with flowers. They will make their home south of Pacific Junction, where Mr. Mullica is farming this summer.

Miss Lena Meisinger Improving.

Phillip Meisinger was a visitor in the city Tuesday and reports that his wife returned from Omaha Monday where she was a visitor with their daughter, Miss Lena, at the hospital where she, a week or ten days ago, underwent an operation for an affection of the throat, and that she was improving under the treatment, her progress being quite satisfactory. Her many friends will be pleased at her rapid recovery, and hope she may soon be well again.

Letter List

The following letters were remaining in the postoffice at Plattsmouth up to July 5, 1908, unclaimed for. Persons calling for same will please say "advertised." Mrs. Delina Harner, Mrs. C. Medinnes, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Clara Weldi, Miss Eva Walker, C. O. Bellow, Bert Eledge, Noah Murdock (2), Charles Perkins, H. W. Smith, John Sullivan, and H. S. Thunber.

MEETS DEATH IN ANGRY WATERS

Ten Persons Reported Drowned Near Ashland-- Salt Creek a Wild and Raging River

A special to the Lincoln Evening News from Ashland, under date of yesterday, says:

Ten persons are believed to have been drowned in the flood on Salt Creek, which struck Ashland between 2 and 3 o'clock, on its way from Lincoln to conjunction with the Platte a mile below this city. They are:

W. T. SNELL.
GEORGE HUFFMAN, wife and two children.

WILLIAM MILLER, wife and one child.
CHARLES SWERTFEGGER.
WILLIAM HACKNEY.

Of these only one, Mr. Snell, is positively known to have been drowned, but the circumstances surrounding the cases of the others leads to no other conclusion than that they have met death in the angry waters.

Mr. Snell lost his life while trying to get from his house to his barn to rescue his live stock. The Huffman family were in the path of the torrent and have not since been seen. Miller had his wife and child in a boat and was endeavoring to conduct them to a place of safety, when the current caught the frail bark and overturned them.

Swertfegger and Hackney were engaged in rescue work, when their boat was overturned. They climbed up on an outbuilding that was close at hand, but a little later this was yanked from

its moorings by the flood, and when last seen bobbing and tossing on the waters, the two men were clinging for dear life, but without more than the merest chance of escape.

Two of the wagon bridges over the creek here were destroyed, and all of the bridges between here and Greenwood over the wagon roads are gone. Forty feet of the Burlington bridge, on the Schuyler line is gone, and the bridge on the main line is also wrecked.

Where Salt creek passes Ashland the channel is narrow, and the waters flow down through a gorge, which gives them, in flood time, terrific force. Salt creek is half a mile wide here, and the water is three feet higher than ever before. The waters have backed up to Silver street, close to the business section of the place.

Many thrilling incidents of the flood are related. Jesse Hooker swam half a mile with his little daughter on his back. When he once got her on dry land, he turned back, got a boat and with the aid of his son rescued the remainder of the family. Then he turned to and brought six other families out of danger. In all, some fifty families have been driven from their homes. Several of these were completely or almost completely submerged, and were afterwards swept away.

Death of Mrs. Jennie Shrader

Mrs. Jennie Shrader, wife of Robert Shrader, died at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 30, at their home five miles southwest of this village, her age being 38 years and 7 months. She had been in poor health for several years, and the past six weeks she had failed quite rapidly. The funeral services were held at their home at 10 o'clock Wednesday forenoon, after which the remains were taken to the Lewiston cemetery north of here for interment. She was a daughter of the late Henry Wolfe Sr., and was born on the farm a short distance north of here. She leaves a husband and three sons to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and a kind mother, and community feels the loss of a noble woman. We have not the data for a more extended sketch of her life.—Union Ledger.

Wants Possession of Children

Mrs. Mary Roberts who figured in the county court on Monday in no enviable position, has now brought mandamus proceedings against her husband Frank Roberts, in the same court for possession of five of her children which is with the husband. Three of the children are by a former husband and are named Harlan Nelson, aged 15, Earl Nelson 14, Hazel Nelson 11, and Edith Roberts 6, and Orval Roberts only 2 years of age. This grew out of the case at bar on Monday when the plaintiff in this case and Will Alban were arranged charged with a statutory offense, and held by the judge to the district court.

Is Robbed of Sixteen Dollars.

Andrew Robinson, of Central City, departed for his home this morning, after having visited in the city for some days past, a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Mason and husband. While here he made his stopping place with his son-in-law, and Monday night while asleep some one entered the Mason home and relieved Mr. Robinson of some sixteen dollars. Mr. Robinson heard the party and took it to be Mr. Mason, likewise Mr. Mason and wife heard him and thought it was Mr. Robinson and neither paid any attention to the intruder.

Will Survey Post Office Site

City engineer J. H. Merriam has been given the contract of furnishing a complete map of the Post Office site, with the building adjoining the elevation of the surrounding grounds, the sewer connections, the established grade, and all other things which will bear on the new building in any respect. This is to be used by the superintending architect in the drawing of the plans for the postoffice building for this place.

In the Toils Again.

Chas. I. Webb, who has had the second degree in the Hotel Manspeaker, and who completed his sentence this morning being released, is to have the third degree begin with Tuesday. He made almost a line for the clothing store of the Kraft company, and getting a few pairs of pants under his coat and was soon making his off way with the booty, when Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker, gave him an invitation to come along with him. This he did and now resides in the county jailhouse again. It seems as if this man has a determination to make the Cass county jail his abiding place for some time to come. He carefully keeps within the law to the extent that his depredations are only misdemeanors, and ones which will not make him take a trip to the states prison.

Honor Friend With Picnic.

Tuesday afternoon a party of young girls picnicked at the big Burlington bridge and eating their supper near the ferry. The occasion was the honoring of Miss Clara Huberle, of Nebraska City, who is the guest of Miss Mathilda Soennichsen. The evening was very pleasantly spent in enjoyable pastime, and a time long to be remembered was had by the merry party, which consisted of the guest of honor, Miss Clara Huberle, of Nebraska City, and the Misses Esther Larson, Mathilde and Christine Soennichsen, Lulu Weber, Helen Spies and Ethel Leyda.

Will Marry Wednesday.

Judge Woods, of Louisville, was a visitor in the city last Saturday, attending the celebration of the Glorious Fourth, and while here secured a license for the marriage of his daughter, Miss Nevada Woods, and Mr. Louis E. Eddy, both of Louisville. The ceremony will occur on next Wednesday.

Engages in Business in the West.

Ed Spies departed Sunday for Sterling, Colo., where he will embark in the cigar business, having made arrangements to that effect. Mrs. H. Speir, his mother, and sister, Miss Helen, accompanied him as far as Omaha.

At The Rainbow's End

They say there is a pot of gold. Do not follow after it but come to me and I will sell you a good farm in "Old Cass County" the best county in the best state in the union, within six miles of Plattsmouth, 171 acres, 99 acres in corn, with a fine prospect, 10 acres in millet, 20 acres in first class meadow, clover, timothy and red top, good improvements. Price \$75.00 per acre, worth many times more than land elsewhere. Remember a Cass county farm is as good as a bank.

M. S. Briggs.