

TERRIFIC HAIL AND RAIN STORM

Worst Storm in Years Sweeps Rock Bluffs and Liberty Precincts

From persons residing near Rock Bluffs and Murray who were in the city today reports were received of a terrific rain and hail storm which swept the country south of this city last evening inflicted property loss amounting in the total to thousands of dollars. The terrific downpour of rain swept out newly planted fields, leaving them furrowed deep and scattering the corn which had been planted in them to the four winds. From what can be learned the rain was widespread in its extent and covered a section of rich territory which the farmers had but just fairly gotten started to plant. The rainfall is pronounced to have been the heaviest seen in this section in years and the water quickly swelled the streams of that section to raging torrents.

The destruction by hail is far more disastrous in pecuniary loss than that of the rain. Fruit which in that section had never been in better condition, is reported to have been greatly damaged, the trees being stripped of leaves and the blossoms being cut away as clean as if some giant giant pruner had gone over the trees removing every vestige of their coming yield. Apple trees which had been laden with blossoms before the advent of the storm were utterly denuded of their bloom and stood stark and barren in the air after the rain of hail had passed. Peach trees which were in bloom and which had survived the frosts and freezes were likewise stripped of their bloom. The hail also cut down the fields of wheat leaving many of them as bare of vegetation as if there had never been a green thing growing upon them. This means an enormous loss to the farmers of that section for whom the outlook had been ever so encouraging.

The storm burst upon that section just before the rain and hail which visited this city about six o'clock. The cloud was very heavy there—much more so than here and the hail was many times larger. It passed off to the east and into Iowa creating havoc with fruit and growing crops through Fremont and Mills counties.

Particulars as to the condition in Liberty precinct were not obtainable at the hour of closing the forms but from reliable parties from Rock Bluffs precinct the above state of facts are gleaned. W. P. Hutcheson, the well known citizen of Rock Bluffs, was in the city today and he described the storm as equal to the great hail storm of 1883 only not so long in duration and not cover-

ing the amount of territory. He states that he lost heavily on his spring wheat and his fruit. The apple blossoms and peach blossoms on his trees were cleaned off as if they had never existed and his yard was filled with broken limbs and covered with leaves stripped from the trees. At his place the rain fall was not so very heavy but from his neighbors he learned of many fields being so badly washed out that they would have to replant. His spring wheat was cut down by the hail until it was left as bare as the pavement on the street. This completely ruins the wheat crop and he fears that he will have little or no fruit left. The storm at his place lasted about ten minutes although rain fell for some time longer.

B. B. Daniber, from near Murray who lives a good distance west of Hutcheson reports that the storm did a vast amount of damage in his vicinity. The rainfall was very heavy and washing in that section and his fields will have to be replanted in common with those of his neighbors. Talking with Alf Nickles that gentleman informed him that he would have to replant also as the rain had destroyed the effects of his work. Fruit is ruined throughout that section is the belief of Mr. Daniber, as the blossoms were beaten from the trees and their limbs and bows scattered far and wide. The storm at his place lasted about half an hour and was a terrific one while it lasted. At the time the storm came up Mr. Daniber was engaged in milking and the first he noticed was the rain which came down heavily followed by wind in a few minutes and then by the immense hail stones. These were driven on the wings of the wind and it was so violent that many of the leaves torn from the trees were driven against the house by the hail and after the storm they were found dented into the weather boarding. Both of the gentlemen state that for a long time after the storm, the hail stones lay in piles on the ground and could be picked up in a scoop full.

A gentleman from Thurman states that at that point hail was still laying on the ground this morning in large quantities and could easily be picked up in buckets. Great holes were formed in the ground where the monster stones had imbedded themselves in the earth, the same as in the great storm of 1883.

It is fortunate that the storm came so early in the season as it did for the loss had corn been up would have been tremendous and it is bad enough as it is.

Ernest Wurl returned this morning from Quincy, Ill., where he had been to assist his brother Otto in a turning exhibition given in that city on Monday night.

Emil Weyrick was a passenger for Omaha this morning going there to purchase the stock for the new drug firm of which he and Joe Hadruba are to be the members.

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Grand Lodge Elects.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—The grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, late this afternoon concluded the election of its biennial officers, and selected Lincoln as the next meeting place of the grand lodge two years hence.

The contest for the next meeting place was void of rivalry, Lincoln winning over Omaha and McCook nearly two to one. Lincoln received 224 votes, Omaha 158 and McCook 109.

Grand Master Workman—A. M. Walling of David City.

Grand Foreman—W. E. Lonsberry of Acrona.

Grand Overseer—George S. Hawley of Republican City.

Grand Recorder—Fred C. Whittlesey of Grand Island.

Grand Receiver (Treasurer)—Robert P. Falkner of Hastings.

Grand Guide—A. B. Dillon of Oakdale.

Grand Trustee—John P. Scott of Sutton.

Grand Watchman—Chris Jensen of Minden.

Law committee—E. A. Polly of Seward, H. M. Waring of Omaha, and J. M. Bell of York.

Grand Medical Examiner—Dr. W. J. Redfield of Wood River.

The entire afternoon was given over to the same work as that of the morning, working in the committee of the whole with regard to the laws of the lodge. Few alterations were made, and none materially changing the laws, but many slight changes were made harmonizing the law with the situation which the lodge now operates separately from the supreme lodge.

Representatives of the grand lodge of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado were in the convention today quietly importuning the Nebraska grand lodge to admit them into its membership. The sister lodges mentioned are said to be prosperous, and it is they say with a view to securing the protection guaranteed by alodge of such standing as the grand lodge of Nebraska that they are knocking for admission.

Steps are to be taken to amend the law of the grand lodge of Nebraska so as to admit the assimilation of the grand lodges of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado if possible.

The Alfalfa Meeting.

Next Tuesday night the members of the Commercial Club and their guests, the farmers of the surrounding country, will have the pleasure of listening to one of the finest discourses ever given in this city upon a product which is just now commanding attention all over the west. This is Alfalfa, something in which the farmers throughout the west are most vitally interested. Secretary Wescott of the Commercial Club has secured Prof. Davisson of the University of Nebraska agricultural department to address the club and their guests on Tuesday night at Coates Hall at 8 o'clock on this subject. He is a recognized authority on this subject and an expert in methods of cultivation, growth and the uses for which this new feed can be used. To every farmer who takes the Journal a very cordial invitation is extended to meet at Coates Hall on Tuesday night, May 18 at 8 o'clock and hear what the benefits are to be derived from the cultivation of this product. Do not wait for a special invitation but come and hear where you can benefit yourself. A program of other attractions has also been prepared, all of which will please as well as educate. There will be music and everything possible to make the evening a good one. You are invited.

Name Released on Bond.

Sheriff Quinton who went to Alvo yesterday to secure Dan Kame for the alleged theft of \$105 from one Delbert Skinner, returned this morning with his man. Kame had secured T. J. Doyle of Lincoln to defend him and Mr. Doyle accompanied him to this city. He was arraigned this morning before Judge Beeson and the complaint read by County Attorney Ramsey. He plead not guilty and his counsel asked that the preliminary examination be adjourned until June 15th, owing to the dangerous illness of the defendant's mother, an aged lady who suffers from heart trouble. The continuance was granted and Kame was allowed to make bond in the sum of \$1,000 which he promptly did, his father, Jacob Kame, going surety for his appearance. From what can be learned in the matter the Kames are people standing well in their community and are fairly well fixed. The sheriff had no trouble in finding his man who came along willingly and declared his innocence of the charge.

Charles Kinnamon, son and daughter came down Saturday evening from their home in Lincoln to make a visit with his sister Mrs. H. Gartelman, returning Sunday afternoon. Charley is an old Plattsmouth boy and his many friends in this city who were fortunate enough to meet him were very glad of their good luck.

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BEST IRRIGATED LANDS IN THE WEST

Thirty thousand acres fertile land in a splendid climate, watered by one of the biggest irrigation systems in the country. No Nebraska land of equal area will support more families.

Men from the Greeley district of the South Platte country say the advantages of the North Platte are superior—and the prices are one-fourth to one-third less. Read again; think.

Tuesday, May 18th is the date of our second excursion for the sale of the famous Tri-State land at Scott's Bluffs, Neb., said to be the finest single body of irrigated land in the United States, embracing 30,000 acres, of which 10,000 acres will be sold immediately.

This land is owned by the Tri-State Land Company, of which E. A. Oudahy is president, and is under the great Tri-State Canal, one of the largest systems of irrigation in the west, constructed at a cost of \$2,000,000. Six four-horse teams, 24 horses, can stand abreast across the bottom of the canal, which for the first few miles is ninety feet wide on the bottom. It is half again as large as the immense government Pathfinder canal. Its headgates, dams, intakes, waste ways, and drops are wholly constructed of steel and re-inforced concrete. Its every part represents the highest achievement of modern engineering skill and workmanship.

The Tri-State Land Co. has practically the first water right out of the North Platte river, and for an immense amount of water. When it is also remembered that the South Platte waters all the irrigated land at Fort Collins, Greeley, Fort Morgan, Brush, Sterling and Julesburg, and supplies only one-fourth as much water

at the North Platte, the sufficiency of water under the Tri-State canal can never be questioned. It is this fact that is bringing so many of the Greeley, Fort Collins and Fort Morgan farmers to the Scotts Bluff country, who all declare its land and water equal or superior to anything in Colorado, while the prices are only a fraction of the Colorado prices. This magnificent body of land at Scotts Bluffs represents the best there is in irrigated land. The two big canals, the government and the Tri-State, represent a combined cost of \$4,000,000, which is an evidence of the value of the lands.

Speaking of the Irrigated Land, just remember:

First—Irrigated land produces the maximum every year. Your eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa land never produces the maximum, because even if you got just enough rain at the right time for one crop it would destroy part of the other.

Second—On your eastern land you raise 40 bushels of corn on an average at 40 cents per bushel, at a cost of \$8.00, leaving you \$8.00 clear profit. We will take you to many men at Scotts Bluffs who raised 250 to 400 bushels of potatoes per acre and sold them at 40 cents, this year considerably higher than that; 15 to

25 tons of alfalfa at \$8.00 per ton; 100 bushels of oats at 40 cents per bushel.

Third—It is a singular thing that while the majority of farmers who buy irrigated land know nothing of irrigation, you can never interest an irrigation farmer in any other kind of land. He doesn't have to understand all about irrigation to succeed. The ditch rider knows and the farmer soon knows.

Fourth—While your Eastern Nebraska land will go on up to \$150 per acre, it may then stop, or it may go back to \$50 or \$75, like the same land did in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. But your irrigated land, increasing its fertility and producing power each succeeding year, will do like the other irrigated land in this country and Europe—go on up to \$200, \$300, \$400 and \$500 per acre, and will not simply "keep you," but will make you rich.

This land lies so perfectly that a flat price of \$70.00 per acre has been fixed on all uncultivated land and \$80.00 upon cultivated land; hence the first excursionists have the choice of the entire land. A regular excursion will be run every two weeks.

All irrigated Lands advance steadily to \$300 and \$500 per acre; they never go back. Think once more; act.

One price to all—\$70.00 per acre for uncultivated; \$80.00 for cultivated. First come, first served. No favorites.

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Perfectly Scandalous.

There are some boys in this town that unless their parents try to control them and turn them from their erring ways will land in the penitentiary. A few days since several of them went to the base ball grounds and loaded part of the canvas fence which is used by base ballists to enclose their grounds and hauled it away. Milt Thorp had located it and notified the parents of the boys that unless it was returned at once there would be something doing in the court and their little darlings may not be living at home, but learning a trade under the direction of the state. Some parents do not seem to care just where their boys go or what they do, just so long as they do not bother them, but when they get into trouble they always put on a long face and a pious look and with tears in their eyes try to tell the court how they have been unable to manage their boys and prevent them from doing wrong.—Nebraska City News.

He Seems to Know.

The John Gund ice house burned in Plattsmouth last Saturday. John Gund's name is a familiar one not only in Plattsmouth but real cities. In the ice house was a lot of beer, and strange to relate the ice was burned but the beer was rolled out unscathed. The building was insured but the ice was not. No one rolled out cakes of ice but everybody was Johnny-on-the-spot when it came to rolling beer. It has saved lots of headaches that will appear later.—Weeping Water Republican.

Dan Smith who was a visitor in Omaha yesterday to have his eyes examined reports he is informed the trouble is neuralgia and cold and that it will likely pass away soon when he can return to his work.

If there is any vitality in the hair roots Rexall "33" Hair Tonic will positively grow new hair and cure baldness. We want you to try this preparation as our risk. We will return the money you paid if you are not entirely satisfied. Two sizes, 50c and \$1.00. The Rexall Store.

Arthur Sullivan from near Rock Bluffs came in this morning to attend to business matters in the city.

N. Kohen and family departed this noon on the mall train for Omaha where they will make their future home, moving their household goods with them this morning.

Smashes all Records.

As an all-round laxative tonic and health builder no other pills can compare with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They tone and regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, strengthen the nerves; cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, jaundice, headache, chills and malaria. Try them. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

John Campbell, one of the well known gentlemen from South Bend came down this morning to look after business in the city, returning to his home this afternoon on the mall train.

A TRIP OF A LIFE TIME!

The grand tour of the Pacific Coast is a journey of a life time; a tour of Europe is also a trip of a life time; but the difference is that the Coast trip is directly within your reach at a far less cost than any other extensive journey can possibly be made. May 6th to 13th, only \$50.00 to California and back, and commencing May 20th, through the summer, only \$50.00 to Seattle and back; for \$15.00 more you can include California. One makes a tour of from 5,000 to \$6,000 miles through a wonderland replete with modern interest, linked with a romantic past.

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