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BLIZZARD HOLDS ENTIRE WEST AND CENTRAL STATES IN ITS GRASP

Plattsmouth Citizens Have to Dig Their Way Through Banks of Snow This Morning—Railroads Suffer Much From Storm.

Plattsmouth people got a decided surprise this morning when they looked out of their windows and found a heavy snowstorm with some wind accompanying it, in progress. The fleecy mantle commenced to fall during the night and when morning came six inches of the white covering was over the landscape. In addition to a very heavy snow there was considerable wind and the result was high drifts in every direction. Those who had prophesied that the winter was drawing to a close several weeks ago found that they needed another look. The high drifts occasioned great delay to trains from all directions. The Missouri Pacific was having considerable trouble with its trains, the morning train from the south due here at 5:35 being four hours late, while the train from Omaha due here at 10:25 arrived at 12:20. The high wind drifted the snow badly and trains are in bad shape, having great difficulty in making any headway in the storm.

The Burlington was suffering likewise from disarranged schedules and their trains from all directions were away off time. No. 1, the fast train for Denver went through this city quite late while No. 6 the Chicago-Denver limited was almost three hours late, going through at 10:45 when it was due here at 7:53. No. 15 from the east due here at 8:16 arrived at 9:25. This is just a forecast of what is going to take place this evening and tomorrow when the full effect of the drifting snow can be felt.

Burlington switchmen report the storm at Pacific Junction to be very severe, the snow drifting badly with a high wind from the north accompanying it. Fred Denson who was among those making the trip to the Junction this morning states that the storm is something fierce and that people here do not realize the real severity of it. The wind is blowing a hurricane at the Burlington bridge and transportation across the structure is something mighty hard to face.

The storm commenced in this city during the night and at noon fully eight inches of snow covered the country. This had been drifted by a strong north and northwest wind into high drifts which practically suspended travel in all directions. There was no business transacted in the city save such as was absolutely necessary and the streets were practically deserted. The storm is a general one over the country, having entered the United States from the Pacific coast last Sunday when great rains deluged the Pacific slope. The loss from the storm on the coast is very heavy. The storm yesterday had penetrated into the valley between the Sierras and the Rockies and Salt Lake, Ogden and other places in that territory reported a devastating rain with much loss of property and great delay in traffic. Passengers for the east and for the west were being shipped by circuitous routes to their destination and trains are tied up in

every direction. The storm passed the Rockies yesterday and last night moving with hurricane velocity and rushed upon this section during the night. The passage over the Rockies resulted in changing the rain into snow and this has blanketed the entire west with a snowy curtain which has impeded traffic and caused widespread loss.

Reports from the cattle ranges in the west are to the effect that the loss to cattle will be very heavy. Western roads running into the northern and western cattle districts are making especial effort to get hay and feed into those localities and such trains are being given right of way over passenger trains. The loss to the cattle industry means a vast fortune to the railroads who depend upon this traffic for their earnings.

In this city the storm has been productive of many injuries to persons and considerable loss to property of various sorts. There were a number of men hurt at the Burlington shops mostly caused by slipping upon the ice and receiving nasty falls.

Harry S. Austin, the well known singer who just recently took a position in the Burlington storehouse was among those sustaining injuries as a result of the storm. Mr. Austin slipped and fell this morning just as he entered the shop yards and was badly bruised by the fall. It was at first thought that he had sustained severe injuries with possibly broken ribs but the attending surgeon, after an examination concluded no bones were broken. He will be confined to his house for several days, however.

Adam Wolf employed in the freight car department at the shops, was another victim of the storm as he slipped and fell this morning while entering the office of Foreman C. M. Parker. Mr. Wolf had a bucket of hot water in his hands when the accident happened and in falling the water was spilled upon his right arm severely scalding it and giving him painful injuries. Mr. Wolf will not be able to return to his work for several days and will have a bad arm to nurse.

George Grebe was another Burlington employe who will have to take an enforced layoff for several days. Mr. Grebe did not sustain his injuries at the shops, however. He slipped and fell this morning as he went to feed his hogs at his home on Wintersteen Hill. His right wrist and shoulder was badly bruised and sprained and he will be unable to work for a number of days.

Another accident is reported to have happened to Mrs. J. W. Barwick in South Park. It is stated the lady slipped upon the ice and sustained severe bruises with possibly broken bones but at the time of this writing this could not be verified.

From the above which is but a partial list of the casualties occasioned by the storm some idea of its bad effects can be gathered. Taken all around, it is considered one of the worst storms of the winter.

Returns Thanks.

The Journal is requested by a resident of south Ninth street to publicly express thanks to former mayor F. M. Richey for his services in cleaning the sidewalk from the avenue to the High school. Mr. Richey this morning hitched his horse to his snow shovel and drove up the hill, leaving a fine path behind him readily available for the public travel. That he should do this is something which the general public must appreciate. The Journal is also requested to publicly express the thanks of the people of the second ward to Fred Heisel, who performed a similar service for the inhabitants of that section of the city by using his snow plow on the walk along Washington avenue to the city, rendering the pathway pretty easy for pedestrians. These men are the best type of the public citizen and have performed wonders for their fellow townsmen in the shape of cleaning walks and making getting around something worth while.

J. S. Campbell of Nehawka, was among those from that city spending the night in this city, being a guest at the Perkins Hotel.

George W. Vallery.

From the New Year's Denver Post an expression is clipped, made by George W. Vallery, general manager of the Colorado Midland, touching the prospects for the coming year in the mountain city. Mr. Vallery when interviewed by a reporter said: "Denver is fast becoming the railroad center of the west. Old lines are extending and improving and there are more projected extensions into Denver than ever in its history." Mr. Vallery is recognized as a leading railroad man of that section and his words carry great weight with them. The Post is justly pleased to find him so optimistic. Mr. Vallery also in another place has this to say of Denver's population: "I believe Denver has 235,000 permanent inhabitants and the number is increasing naturally. I can see it even in my limited way. The business of the Midland reflects it."

Nicholas Halmes is reported to be slightly under the weather and to be suffering quite a good bit from a complication of diseases. Nick's many friends hope that he will soon recover and be able to be back in the city with his many friends.

CHANCES FOR A NEW FACTORY

But Business Men Must Forget Their Own Selfish Interests.

The commercial club has sat up and taken notice of the Journal's advocacy of the Ben Schleicher factory. It is stated to the Journal man this morning authoritatively, that all the commercial club wants is for Mr. Schleicher to state to the club what he wants and what he intends to do. If this is taken up with the club there seems no reasonable cause to believe that the factory can not be obtained for this city. Plattsmouth needs the factory and Schleicher wants to locate here. Reports have reached the Journal which are not flattering to the management of the commercial club in this particular case but this paper does not believe the members are deliberately turning down a good thing. The Journal has always worked for Plattsmouth early and late and it intends to do so in the future and it is with the deepest regret that it hears of such stories. Ben Schleicher is well known in this city. He is a man of more than ordinary good standing and he has something which will well repay the commercial club to look into. That he should be kept out of here by any acerbic considerations is inconceivable. Mr. Schleicher has a good thing in his tongue and neckyoke and it will help Plattsmouth to have the factory. It can be said truly that the commercial club wants Mr. Schleicher to bring the matter before them and that a meeting of the directors will be held any time he wants to get busy.

In addition to this the commercial club has a number of other projects on foot which they hope to rush to a speedy conclusion. They expect to land a number of good factories here during the coming winter and spring and when 1910 closes Plattsmouth will be the factory city of Nebraska. That is the hope of the commercial club and that is their object. Plattsmouth the factory town of Nebraska is the slogan for 1910 and Plattsmouth, the factory town of Nebraska will be the result.

Dr. Todd of Omaha is another Plattsmouthian who wants to locate a factory here. He has a patent neckyoke which is pronounced by competent observers to be the best of the kind on the market. This neckyoke can be manufactured in Plattsmouth and it will be. The commercial club has the matter up with Dr. Todd and a meeting will be held in a few days at which the final determination of the matter will be had. This means at least two good industries for Plattsmouth in 1910.

Wreck Narrowly Averted.

Last Saturday a disastrous wreck was narrowly averted at Pacific Junction. As it was the wreck resulted in the partial destruction of four mail cars and three freight cars, all of which were chained up and brought to this city yesterday afternoon. The wreck occurred by the fast mail No. 8 sideswiping a freight as the latter tried to get in on a siding to clear the east bound main line for the mail. The latter train dashed into the cars before they were in the clear and resulted in making a general mixup. The freeman on the mail train together with three mail clerks was badly bruised and injured, the exact extent of his injuries being unknown. The news of the disaster was brought to this city by Frank Hunter employed in the yards at that point. Mr. Hunter came to this city accompanying the disabled cars. No. 8 is the fast east bound train and was running at a high rate of speed when the accident happened. Mr. Hunter returned to the Junction this afternoon.

In County Court.

In county court today a marriage license was issued to Oliver M. Waltz, aged 19, of Elmwood, and Miss Jessie B. Martin, aged 19, of Redwood, Minn. The parties are to be married at Elmwood. The groom is a son of M. W. Waltz, a well known resident of Elmwood and both parties are well known in that locality.

In county court today Judge Beeson was engaged in hearing the reply in case of Scott vs. Denson. This suit involves the possession of a wagon and harness which Glen Scott claims was unlawfully taken by Constable Denson on an execution issued in favor of F. S. White. The case had not been decided at the time the Journal went to press.

Will We Get It?

An order to show cause has been filed before the Nebraska State Railway Commission by William Deles Dernier et al., setting forth the fact that the defendant Missouri Pacific railroad company operates a depot station and contrary to the statute fails and neglects to furnish reasonably adequate telephone connection between depot and public telephone exchange. As a result of this filing the railway commission has notified the company to install and maintain reasonably adequate telephone connection by January 10, 1910, or appear at the office of commission at 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, January 13, 1910, and show cause why an order should not be entered.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

ASTONISHING CONDITION DISCOVERED

Lots of Water in Milk Trust Stock, and Despite Enormous Prophets Propose a Rise

The investigation of the Milk Co. in New York city recently by Special Deputy Attorney General Coleman was given impetus by a discovery made by Marvyn Scudder, the accountant employed by the state to go over the books of the large milk combines of that city. The facts are figures given will no doubt give the reader some idea as to the extent of the milk trust throughout the land: Counsel for the Borden Condensed Milk company, controlling 28 per cent of the fluid milk trade in this city and the Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker company were engaged today preparing to meet the analysis of Mr. Scudder, who placed his findings before Refree Brown yesterday.

Mr. Scudder said the books of the Borden company showed that more than \$15,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 capital stock represented "trade marks, good will," which the accountant said represented "nothing tangible in the way of assets. On the company's capitalization of dividend of 6 per cent was paid on the preferred and 10 per cent paid on the common stock.

Mr. Scudder said the books showed a surplus of \$8,824,230 made in ten years and Special Deputy Attorney General Coleman is preparing to ask the company that if such profits are possible with milk at 8 cents a quart what justification was there in raising the price to 9 cents a quart.

Mr. Scudder further showed that of the Sheffield Farms company has a capitalization of \$5,000,000 and more than \$300,000 was for "good will, etc." The Sheffield company paid 15 per cent dividend last year and to date this year 22 per cent on its stock and its surplus was \$962,672, nearly double the capital stock.

Enormous profits were shown to have been made by the Alexander Campbell Milk company at 8 cents a quart.

The Campbell company supplies more than 1,000,000 bottles of milk every month to Brooklyn families and Mr. Scudder showed that the net profits of the company for the six months ending last June were \$19,880, or at the rate of 26 per cent on the company's capital.

With the purpose of refuting the assertion that the companies lost money selling milk at 8 cents a quart, Mr. Scudder submitted figures from the books of the Borden company showing that during the nine months of this year ending September 30 last, the company made a clear profit on fluid milk and cream in New York and Chicago of \$1,076,772. This sum exceeds by \$222,947 the net profits in the same branch of the business in the corresponding month of 1908.

Mr. Scudder showed that the net profits of the Sheffield company were generally in excess in 1909 over 1908.

Received Notice.

Wm. Holly, deputy grand patriarch of the Odd Fellows encampment, yesterday received notice from J. P. Carson, grand patriarch, that he would be present at the encampment meeting next Friday evening, January 7, and would conduct the installation of officers at that time. This will be the first time in years that the grand patriarch has visited the encampment and it is expected a large attendance of the members will be present as a special mark of courtesy to the grand patriarch.

M. E. Stremmer was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he will spend the day.

ANOTHER CASS COUNTY PIONEER LADY PASSES AWAY

After Many Weary Weeks of Suffering Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, a Most Highly Respected Lady, Died This Morning.

Died. Snyder, Mrs. Elizabeth, at the home of Charles Jean, near Plattsmouth, Nebraska, January 5, 1910, aged 75 years, 7 months and 19 days. Funeral on Friday, January 7, 1910, at one o'clock p. m., from the house and at two o'clock p. m., from the United Brethren church, interment at Horning cemetery.

After many weeks of suffering Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, a pioneer citizen of Cass county, sank to rest this morning. Mrs. Snyder has lived in this county for many years and has a large number of friends and acquaintances who will be sorry to hear of her demise. She was a most excellent lady and one of the best and kindest of friends. Always a faithful and devoted mother she will leave a great void in the hearts of her children. She was that best of women—a

true friend and one who will be sadly missed by all.

The deceased was born on May 16, 1834, and lived in this state for many years. She reared a family here of the best of people, among them being George W. Snyder, the well known stock raiser and farmer of the precinct and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Jean. Deceased was also related to Andrew J. Snyder, register of deeds-elect of this county.

The funeral will be held on Friday, January 7, from the home of Charles Jean where deceased was living when the final summons came. The services will be conducted at the United Brethren church and interment will be had at the Horning cemetery. The funeral will leave Mr. Jean's house at one o'clock p. m. for the church and services at the latter will be held at two o'clock p. m.

NEBRASKA VISITORS IN TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick of Nehawka Visit Their Sons in the Lone Star State.

In speaking of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kirkpatrick to their son Earl, in that city, the Cleburne (Texas) Morning Review says:

"Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick, of Nehawka, (Weeping Water) Neb., are here visiting their son, Earl Kirkpatrick, who is the Santa Fe's ticket agent at this place. When he left home the ground was covered with snow, and the temperature was down in the zero neighborhood. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated on Friday that he had been to Texas before, and liked the state very much. He said the warm temperature down here was very nice. He said the farmers up his way were shipping hay and food stuff to Wyoming to feed the sheep and other stock. Some years the wind blows the snow off the side of the hills and mountains, but this year the snow covered up the grass. Horses, he said, would paw the snow away and eat the grass anyway, but cows and sheep could not do so well. He said he had seen herds of beef cattle break through the creek and river ice, and freeze to death in the water, as they would not move when the warm water first ran up about their legs. They had the idea that it would continue warm. The visitors will be down here about a week. Their son will see that they have a good time while here."

Over Fifty Years Ago.

Jesse York and a friend, who have been visiting in Atchison county, Mo., have returned home, bringing with them a specimen of early times in the shape of a newspaper printed in Pike county, Mo., in the year 1857. The paper includes a notice of a public sale to be held there which is a veritable curiosity in this day and age. The notice is as follows:

Public Sale.

State of Missouri, County of Pike. To whom it may concern: The undersigned will on Tuesday, September 29, A. D., 1857, sell at public outcry for cash, on premises where Coon Creek crosses the old mission road, the following chattels, to-wit: 6 yoke of oxen with yoke and chain; 2 wagons with beds; 3 nigger wenchers; 4 buck niggers; 3 niggers; 3 nigger boys; 2 prairie plows; 23 steel traps; 1 barrel of pickled cabbage; 1 hoghead of tobacco; 1 lot of nigger's hoes; 1 spinning wheel; 1 loom; 3 fox hounds; 1 lot of coon and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. Are going to California.

RICHARD ROE, JOHN DOE, Cyer.

Free headcheese, apples and hard cider. This sale took place in 1857, 52 years ago and the original copy of the notice is in the hands of Jesse York of this city.

Mrs. Chas. E. Hartford, who has been visiting her parents at Boone, Ia., returned home last Monday evening.

In District Court.

Judge Travis this morning adjourned court after having disposed of a number of minor matters. He entered several orders in various cases touching matters of importance before the final adjournment of the term. In the matter of the case of the State ex rel Claude Butler vs. Fred Patterson, a matter which has been pending in the court for several months, he entered an order requiring Mr. Patterson to appear before him personally on Monday, January 10, and explain why he had refused to sign, allow and settle a bill of exceptions in the case of Baylor vs. Butler. This case it will be recalled arose from a garnishment action commenced against Butler in justice court before M. Archer and later taken on a change of venue by the defendant to Justice Fred Patterson of Rock Bluffs precinct. In the trial had there Patterson found for the plaintiff and the case was attempted to be taken by error to the district court. No record was made of the testimony and the justice refused to sign the bill of exceptions submitted by A. N. Sullivan, attorney for Butler. Sullivan filed a petition for a writ of mandamus to make the justice sign the alleged bill and in his complaint he charged Ramsey & Ramsey, counsel for Mr. Baylor with scandalous conduct in connection with Patterson's refusal. Considerable bad blood has existed between the attorneys involved and charges have been freely made that Sullivan had no authority from Butler to appeal the case and was acting entirely on his own volition to get the proceeds for himself. The justice has failed so far to sign any bill of exceptions or pay attention to an order of the court requiring him to do so. Judge Travis' order of this morning is made so that he can explain why he has not carried out the order of the court or as the order phrases it "that the respondent may correct any mistake he may have made in refusing to obey the order of the court through misapprehension of the law or through advice which may have been improvidently given and received as to his duties in the premises."

In the case of Rayles vs. Rayles the court also entered a modification of the decree entered yesterday by which all that part of the decree making the payment of the alimony a lien upon the lands of plaintiff and empowering the appointment of a receiver by the court in case the alimony is not paid, is stricken out. This is done by Judge Travis on his own motion and is because the entry is surplusage under the statute.

In the case of Harshman vs. Royal an order was also entered discharging the restraining order and denying the temporary injunction asked for to which the plaintiff excepted. The cause was continued until the next term.

After doing this Judge Travis declared the term adjourned sine die.

Charles Troop, the well known farmer from near Mynard, is looking at the stock market in South Omaha today, being a passenger for that city this morning on the Burlington train.