

# PLATTSMOUTH VISITED BY ONE OF THE HEAVIEST SNOWS OF RECENT YEARS

**Snow Began Falling About Three O'clock Yesterday Afternoon, and This Morning Residents Were Compelled to Dig Their Way Through Enormous Snow Drifts—Train Service is Badly Crippled Throughout Middle West.**

The worst storm in the history of southeastern Nebraska raged all last night, the snow falling all of the time and was piled high by the strong wind which blew a gale. When the citizens of the old town awoke this morning many of them found themselves completely snow-bound, and those who took the precaution to take their snow shovels into the house last night were fortunate, as they could dig out much faster than with a fire shovel, as many no doubt did.

The snow was banked in drifts much higher than a horse's back in the streets from all sides leading to the school building. The janitor, V. Mullis, found a drift eight feet high against the south door to the boiler room when he arrived this morning and had to go through a window on the north side.

Miss Blanch Horning left her home with her brother and a driver in a bob-sled about 7 a. m. and reached the Central building about 8 o'clock. She was the only teacher who reached the building.

Miss Barwick, who teaches in South Park school, reached her school before 9 a. m. Superintendent Abbott got the members of the board over the phone as early as he could and it was agreed that no school would be held today. Miss Horning had left her home before the arrangement was made, and Miss Barwick could not be reached by phone, or they would not have been troubled to face the storm.

The shop men who had to go to their work early were confronted with the task of breaking a path from the limits of the city to the business district and to the shops. In many places they found themselves floundering in snowdrifts to their waist line.

Railway traffic was badly handicapped with the snow drifts. No. 1, which passes through west-bound at 5:45, was reported stalled in a snow drift at Stanton,

lowa, at 8 o'clock this morning, and No. 6 was reported one hour and forty minutes late. No report could be made on No. 15. In fact, the railway service was paralyzed with the snow.

The switch crew, with the engine and a box-car, broke the road to Oreadopolis and returned, reporting that ten men were wanted at Oreadopolis to shovel snow. Ten of the Greek laborers were on the sick list this morning, which added to the troubles of the track men.

In the business district of the city matters were at a standstill. Some of the grocers sent their teams back to the barn, as the streets in the residence districts were piled full of snow. Deliveries of small articles were made on foot. On the north side of the street the stores were almost inaccessible, and at shortly after 8 o'clock an army of shovelers were throwing snow from the doorways. Every fellow seemed anxious to get the snow off before the chief of police should begin to enforce the new resolution of the council to have the snow removed at once.

Frank McElroy was the only man who stood around with his hands in his pockets and refused to work on the snow drifts. He was there with an air of "I am from Missouri, yes, will have to show me."

Few women would venture down town. Miss Emma Bauer, Miss Grace Newbranch, Miss Marie Donnelly, Miss Teresa Hempel and Miss Alma Larson were among those brave enough to face the drifts in the business section.

In the country the conditions were as bad. William Gillispie phoned from Mynard that during all of the twenty-five years which he has resided within a stone's throw of the village, this morning was the first which he had seen that he could not walk to Mynard.

On account of the drifts in the country and the railroads being so tied up, the seed corn special was postponed.

rektor and will give a first class performance in every respect. Following is the cast:

Col. Brinthrop.....Joseph Kelley  
Arthur Brinthrop.....James Donlan  
Tom Oxley.....Arinin Lee  
Towser.....Victor Lee  
Davy.....Harold Koop  
Lively.....Roy Clifford  
Jacky.....Sidney Spence  
Mrs. Alice Narsey.....Myrtle Clifford  
Mrs. Kate Shelton.....  
.....Mabel Thompson  
Maid.....Mabel Ward  
Sunday.....Ruth Noyes

**Act 1.**  
The room at Silver Creek, U. S. A.

**Acts 2 and 3.**  
Brinthrop Abbey, England.

**Act 4.**  
The room at Silver Creek, U. S. A.

Prices—25, 35 and 50 cents.

**Feed.**  
We are now ready to deliver to all parts of the city wheat, oats, corn and mixed chop of all kinds for feed. Platts, Phone No. 397.  
Nelson Jean & Co.

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# EDUCATION ON TESTING CORN

**Commercial Clubs Are Making Efforts to Improve Condition of Corn Crops.**

While the minds of the farmers and other citizens are being stirred this week by the seed corn test by special trains throughout the state, and there is more or less agitation over the seed corn question, Mr. Trumpe, the cashier at the Burlington station has handed the Journal a poster sent out by the crop improvement committee of the Chicago Board of Trade, which has some very valuable suggestions. Copies of the poster can be had free by writing to Bert Hall, Secretary, Room L, Board of Trade, Chicago.

The poster states that "the average seed ear of corn has 800 kernels, which if all should grow, would produce 800 stalks, which should produce 800 ears of corn, and 800 ears of corn would make about 8 bushels, which, at the moderate price of 50 cents, would be worth \$4. Repeated tests from all parts of the corn belt reveal the sad story that the dampness in immature corn has caused much of it to be frozen, so that it will not grow. If we are to have a corn crop of normal proportions, every ear should be tested to see whether it is alive or dead. No man can tell whether corn will grow or not without making a germination test. No man can select corn by looking at it. He may be able to tell some that will not grow, but he can never be sure of that which will grow. A fine looking ear may have been pollinized by a sterile father."

Among other good features on the poster mentioned is the following direction for testing seed for ten acres of corn: "If you are in doubt about the condition of your seed corn, it would be well for you to make a shallow box, some two or three inches deep, large enough to make a test for ten acres; that is, twelve squares one way to ten across. The box should be about 36x40 inches. Fill the box about half full of moist dirt, sand or sawdust. We prefer sawdust because it is lighter and can be handled in the house. Press it well down so that it will have a smooth, even surface. Take a white cloth about the size of the box, rule it off checker-board fashion, making squares two or three inches each way, numbering 1, 2, 3, etc. Take a flour sack or make a pad to fit the top of the box, padding it with an inch or two of moist sawdust or sand.

"Remove from six to ten kernels from each ear selected, numbering each ear and putting the kernels from each in the corresponding square in the box. Place the box in a warm place where it will not chill. Keep the pad well dampened and warm, and in five or six days you can roll up the pad carefully and you will find your seed will show its quality. Kernels which show both sprouts and rootlets in healthy condition are fit for planting; ears from which kernels show sprouts only, or rootlets only, may or may not grow, but it is best not to take chances with such ears. All weak and dead ears should be thrown into the feed box and the test repeated until you are sure you have enough perfect ears to plant your acreage. If in doubt, ask your state agricultural college where to obtain proper seed."

On Saturday, March 12th. My New livery barn has been completed and I wish to inform all my patrons that the opening of the same will take place on the above date. Many new turnouts have been added to my line, and I am better prepared than ever to serve the public in their livery and hack line needs.

I also will be very much pleased to meet all my old patrons and many new ones who are desiring feed and stable quarters. Hack service a specialty.  
M. E. Manspeaker.

**Land for Sale.**  
One section of as good land as there is in Lincoln county, Nebraska, situated in the southern section. Two sets of improvements, two and a half miles from town. For particulars address M. D. Shirley, Wellfleet, Neb.

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# MAPLE GROVE.

(Special Correspondence.)

(Too Late for Last Week.)  
Jeff Lewis is moving this week on a farm northwest of Union, which he will farm the coming year.

Will and Louie Puls are busy sawing wood in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herren made a business trip to Plattsmouth Saturday.

Rev. Spriguel was a Maple Grove caller last Thursday.

Mrs. Alfred Gansemer gave a carpet-rag party last Friday, which was attended by a number of swift members of carpet-rag sewers.

Quite a number of Maple Grove sports attended the wrestling match at Louisville Thursday night.

Quite a number from this locality attended the public sale of David Foltz Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker were Omaha visitors Wednesday.

A. F. Boedeker made a business trip to Omaha Monday.

Alfred Gansemer and Fritz Lutz made a trip to Nehawka Tuesday.

George Engelkemier was a Murray caller Tuesday.

W. H. Puls attended the Nebraska legislature banquet at Lincoln Thursday.

R. A. Young is delivering wheat at Nehawka.

# BASKET BALL SEASON ENDS IN A VICTORY

**Plattsmouth Boys Win From the Fast Iowa Team Saturday Night.**

The Plattsmouth High school basket ball team won a victory over the Malvern, Iowa, High school team in a warmly contested game last Saturday night, at which J. T. Maxwell, physical director of the Omaha Y. M. C. A., acted as referee. The score at the end of the first half of the game stood, Plattsmouth, 35; Malvern, 9. During the second half the home team made 14 scores, while the visitors made but 11, giving the game to Plattsmouth by a score of 55 to 20. The Mavens team has previously won from Clarinda, Tabor and Glenwood. Plattsmouth's team has played eight games and won six thus far, with two games to play, the next at Elmwood next Friday night, and at Nebraska City Saturday night was as follows:

Plattsmouth—D. Arries, Edwards, Frans, Noble, M. Arries, Dalton.

Malvern—Bayer, Boehmer, Baliner, Platt Foster, Thomas.

Our local boys feel no degree of pride in Saturday night's victory.

**A Farmer of Experience in the Real Estate Business.**

Born on a farm and my whole life devoted to farming, I have visited the state of Arkansas at different times and seasons of the year and fully investigated the unusual opportunities offered to the homeseeker and investor. I have purchased Arkansas land to the extent of my means and have secured about 15,000 acres for sale on easy payments. If you want a splendid low-priced farm that is sure to please you let me figure with you. Don't you believe Arkansas land is all swamps. "Investigate." Hundreds of northern farmers are permanently locating there every month. I have also a few choice farms in Cass county for sale. Address T. L. Amick, Mynard, Neb.

**Fire Alarm Last Night.**

The blowing off of the surplus steam by the safety valves on the hot water plant at the Egenberger saloon last night, when the storm was at its worst, caused some inexperienced person to turn in the fire alarm. The heating plant is near the sidewalk, in the basement of the saloon building, and when the safety blew off the steam found its way out at the opening above the sidewalk and a passer-by, noticing it, mistook the steam for smoke and at once turned in the fire alarm without making any investigation. The whistle sounded, the fire bell clanged and the boys hustled out in the driving snow storm to find no fire at all.

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# REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

At Plattsmouth, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business  
February 20, 1912.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts	\$240,145.27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,522.76
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Other bonds to secure Postal Savings	.....
Ins.	6,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	6,463.49
Banking house, furniture, fixtures	14,000.00
Other real estate owned	7,907.88
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	.....
Due from approved reserve agents	25,700.13
Checks and other cash items	30.72
Notes of other national banks	14,530.00
Fractional paper currency, notes and cents	121.08
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	.....
Specie	\$17,400.00
Legal-tender notes	22,541.00
Redemption fund from U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$431,187.96

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,085.74
National bank notes outstanding	5,900.00
Individual deposits subject to check	57,819.19
Demand certificates of deposit	12,000.24
Time certificates of deposit	191,345.47
Deposits of Postal Savings	2,507.96
Total	\$431,187.96

State of Nebraska, ss. I, H. N. Dovey, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. N. Dovey, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: GEO. E. DOVEY,  
E. W. COOK,  
G. KRAPP, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1912. D. O. DWYER,  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires August 29, 1914.

# Death of Miss Grace Mann.

George Mann received a post-card from Captain L. D. Bennett of Long Beach, Cal., today, apprising him of the death of his niece, Miss Grace Bennett Mann, which occurred at a hospital at Los Angeles on last Tuesday after a short illness with tuberculosis. The funeral services were held at Long Beach on Wednesday afternoon and interment was made beside Grace's grandmother, Mrs. Bennett. Grace was the eldest daughter of Mr. Ed Mann and was 15 years of age on last Christmas day, December 25, 1911. Since the death of her mother she had been making her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, at Long Beach, Cal. She is survived by her father and a sister, Ruth Mann, who, since the death of her mother, has been making her home with her grandmother in this city.

# Death of Miss Eva Fletcher.

Friends in this city have received communications from Mrs. T. Frank Wiles apprising them of the death of her sister, Miss Eva Fletcher, which occurred at the Wiles home on last Wednesday evening. The Fetters formerly resided in this city, where Miss Eva attended school for a number of years. She was a very popular young lady and had a large circle of friends who will be sorry to learn of her untimely death. Miss Fletcher had been a sufferer with that dread malady, tuberculosis, for some time, but was thought to be improving, and consequently her many friends were very much surprised to learn of her death. Miss Fletcher and her mother have been making their home with Mrs. T. F. Wiles at Omaha for the past few months.

# New Elevator Firm.

Nelson Jean & Co. are the proprietors of the Murray elevator, located on the M. P. tracks in this city, the deal having been completed a few days ago whereby the change is made, and Mr. Jean will be found in charge of the business from this day on. The new firm expects to conduct the business on about the same plans as heretofore, buying all kinds of grain and handling all kinds of feed. Nelson Jean is well known in this city and surrounding country. He has been employed in the B. & M. shops for some time and is a young man of sterling worth. He is popular with the large circle of friends and acquaintances and will no doubt prove successful in his new venture.

# Horses and Mules Wanted.

The undersigned will make the following towns on the dates given below for the purpose of buying horses and mules:  
Elmwood, March 4th.  
Manley, March 5th.  
Louisville, March 6th.  
Murray, March 8th.  
Plattsmouth, March 9th.  
I will buy all good fat mules and horses that are ready for the market. I especially want some good big mules. Will also buy old horses and mares that are fat. Bring in your stock and let us have a deal.  
Frank Anderson,  
The Veteran Horseman.

# COURT HOUSE BOILERS MUST BE REPLACED

**County Commissioners May Be Compelled to Purchase a New Boiler.**

"Will they do it? Dare they do it?" Will the county commissioners, without the consent of the editor of the Republican the Weeping Water Kicker, spend \$7,000 of the county funds in the purchase of a new boiler and erection of a boiler house at the court house?

Such seems to be the inevitable conclusion, since an architect and boiler inspector have looked over the situation and pronounce the boiler now in use and which has been in use for the past eighteen years, unsafe. An explosion there might cost the county a great deal more than \$7,000, and since the boiler has been condemned plans have been submitted to the board for a new boiler, as well as a boiler house in which to put it. The architect consulted criticized the plan and present arrangement, as the boiler in present use can only be removed by taking out a part of the wall of the basement of the building. The crowded condition and small capacity of the boiler room is a great handicap in keeping the steam to the proper gauge during the coldest season of the winter.

The officials at the court house have been lucky to get through the winter thus far without more compulsory lay-offs than they had. On one occasion they were without fire for several days on account of a flue blowing out. It happened to be in a mild turn of the weather or work would have had to cease altogether. It is to be regretted that at the time the court house was built the boiler was not put in a proper room adjacent to the building, and arranged at the time to be replaced when worn out. It appears that it never occurred to the board at that time that the boiler would some day be old and of no account. Had the matter been properly considered at that time the expense would have been much less at this time.

# Bring Attachment Suits.

Attachment suits were brought this morning in the county court against J. V. Kaspar, by J. M. Roberts, for the sum of \$275 rent of the building in which the bakery was conducted, and by the Plattsmouth State bank for \$100 and interest on a promissory note. A writ was issued commanding the sheriff to attach all goods and chattels stock and other property belonging to the defendant. It appears that during the time the defendant has occupied the building belonging to Mr. Roberts that he has paid no rent. It is probable that Mrs. Kaspar will, through her friends and relatives, try to straighten out the financial tangle in which her husband left the business.

# Bogus Elk Teeth.

The retail jewelers of Nebraska will be told how to tell a real elk tooth from a bogus one when they meet in convention in Omaha on March 6 and 7. Recently many jewelers of the state have been palming off fake elk teeth. An exhibit of real and bogus teeth will be placed in the convention hall at the Paxton hotel and lectures will be given to instruct jewelers how to tell the real thing. During the visit of the jewelers they will be entertained with a theater party on March 6 and a banquet on March 7. T. L. Combs of Omaha, president of the association, states that more than one hundred Nebraska jewelers have promised to attend the coming convention.

# The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**  
In County Court.  
STATE OF NEBRASKA,  
Cass County, ss.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas W. Shryock, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet Peter C. Stander, administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room in Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 25th day of March, 1912, and on the 20th day of September, 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M., on each day, for the purpose of examining, adjusting and allowing such claims as may be on file at such time.  
Six months are allowed from the 25th day of February, 1912, for the creditors of said deceased to file their claims in this Court, i. e., all claims against said estate should be on file on or before the 25th day of September, 1912. The said administrator is hereby given one year from the 25th day of February, 1912, in which to settle said estate.  
Witness my hand and the seal of the County of Cass, Nebraska, this 24th day of February, 1912.  
(Seal) ALLEN J. BEESON,  
County Judge.  
D. O. DWYER, Attorney.

**And the next day it snowed!**

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