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## Heaviest Rain of the Season in East Nebraska

Over Six Inches Falls in This City and Brings Overflows of Creeks and Sewers.

The heaviest rainfall that has occurred this season in this community, swept down Thursday night from the south and west to bring a total rainfall of over six inches, the register showing 6.72.

The rain first started at 10:30 and continued practically without ceasing from that time until 7 this morning. The earlier rain was not of a heavy nature but later at 2 o'clock a terrific rainstorm started and which brought an overflow of the creeks and sewers in the outlying districts and which water found its way down the natural valley in which the business section is located. Members of the fire department were given the work of keeping all the debris possible from washing into the box sewers on Sixth street where the greater part of the flood water poured.

The flood waters reached their height at 2:30 and again at 4:30 when the water overflowed the walks on the east side of Sixth street and threatened for a time to make entrance into the various places of business along the east side of the street.

The overflow at 4:30 was the one of the greatest threat as the flood water from both the north and south side sewers were pouring their stream into Sixth street.

With the terrific rain the water moved off the easiest and with less damage than any rain in many years.

The rain was general over this section and damage inflicted on the railroad trackage in this section, the track workers were called out and labored all night as small washouts occurred along the lines. A washout was reported at Pony creek east of this city near Pacific Junction and a small one between Oreadpolis and Cullom.

Motorists arriving in this city from the south report the rain very heavy as far south as Falls City and with the small streams up and many out of their banks.

### FEEDING MANY CATTLE

The cattle feeding yards in the south part of the city, now has on feed 640 head of white faced cattle which are being prepared for the market. The yards are in charge of E. J. Doody, of Norfolk who with his family have moved here to make their home. Mr. Doody is an experienced feeder and had charge of yards at Norfolk prior to coming to this city.

The feed yards will handle a large amount of cattle during the year and in its conduct there will be from eight to ten men employed to look after the business of the yards.

The elevator at the yards which will soon be erected, will hold a large amount of feed and also the cattle will be fed the corn wastage from the packing plant.

### SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily  
Robert M. Walling, the well known abstractor, who was operated on for appendicitis on Tuesday afternoon, is reported as showing very good progress at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha. Mr. Walling is still feeling very much the effects of the operation but it is hoped that in a few days he may be well on the way to recovery. A number of the friends have called on him and found the patient feeling just as well as the circumstances would permit.

### HAS HAND INJURED

Mrs. Thomas Svoboda suffered a severe injury Thursday while she was engaged in canning tomatoes at the home at 13th and Vine streets, she burning the left hand very severely. Mrs. Svoboda treated the hand herself and yesterday it was found that a small infection had set in on the injured hand that required the services of a physician. It is thought that the hand is not in dangerous condition, altho it is very painful.

### RETURN FROM MINNESOTA

Officer Roy Stewart, wife and two children, with Miss Edith Cook of Omaha, teacher in the Plattsmouth schools, have returned from a pleasure trip of two weeks in Minnesota. They spent a large part of their time at Rochester, as guests of Louis Rothmann and also taking in a large number of the places of interest in that section of Minnesota. They had a very fine trip and in going to Rochester left here at 5:30 a. m. and after the stop at Omaha reached Rochester at 8 o'clock that evening.

## Packing Plant Now in Rush of Corn Canning

Truck Loads of the Sweet Corn Rolling into the Local Plant Cause a Rush of Work.

It is sweet corn time at the canning factory of the Norfolk Packing Co., and if you do not believe it, a trip to the plant on Lincoln avenue will convince one. Long lines of trucks were parked yesterday at the plant as the corn was delivered at the unloading platforms.

The workers are becoming more experienced with the work and which will permit the speeding up of the output of the plant and with the increasing receipts of the sweet corn at the factory it will be operating at its fullest capacity.

Last night the receipts of the sweet corn, late in the afternoon was so heavy that the entire force of the packing plant were engaged in working until after midnight to clean up the available supply of corn that was on hand.

With the plant operating at night, large numbers of the residents of the community motored to the site of the plant on Lincoln avenue and watched from the walks the process of the corn canning as visible through the opened windows.

The plant is a great addition to the industrial life of the city and in the future should be one of the best plants of its kind in the west as the various lines demanded for canning become larger crops in this section. The plant has heretofore operated on pork and bean canning, the material for which was shipped in, but now the plant secures its raw material from the farms of this locality.

### WESTMINSTER GUILD MEETS

The Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church held a very delightful meeting at the Glenn Vallery home on Tuesday evening.

The devotional and study period were in charge of Gertrude Vallery. The topic "Foreigners," was very interesting and the members took active part in the discussion. After the study hour a short business meeting was held, which was presided over by the president. It was decided that the next meeting will be in the form of a picnic and swimming party at Murray on August 23.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake and tea were served by Miss Vallery, the hostess, to climax the evening's splendid good time.

### ENJOY FINE MEETING

The Queen Esthers of the Methodist church had a most delightful time on Thursday evening at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kreager, near Mynard, Mrs. Kreager being assisted by Mrs. Paul Long. The devotions of the meeting were led by Mrs. Glenn Starkey, in a most impressive manner.

The hostesses had prepared a wonderful fried chicken supper that was appreciated by the jolly group of twenty-five young ladies and who will long remember the treat that they received.

### OMAHA PEOPLE MARRIED

Wednesday evening at the residence of Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Rose Roberts and Angelo Gilliotti, both of Omaha. The bridal party following the wedding returned to Omaha, where they are to make their home.

## Floods Curtail Mail Service into Plattsmouth

Missouri Pacific and Burlington Both Unable to Reach Here with Mail Trains.

From Saturday's Daily  
Plattsmouth was without mail service Friday until 5 p. m. when a bus connection with No. 2 over the Burlington at Pacific Junction, brought one consignment of mail to this city. The Burlington is working on their tracks between here and Omaha and on the Lincoln line and it is possible that a train may be sent through tonight, but the only dependable service will be the bus connection this afternoon.

With the Missouri Pacific line out of commission there has been no trains over that road since Thursday night and it is a grave problem to try and repair the damage to the tracks in the vicinity of Fort Crook today so that service may be resumed. The washouts on the Lincoln branch of the Missouri Pacific in the vicinity of Nehawka have been repaired and trains are now operating on that line of the railroad.

This morning the Missouri Pacific bus from the south brought a consignment of mail from Union into this city, the first that has arrived from that direction since the rain storm of Thursday night.

It will be several days under the best of conditions before the mail train service is anything like normal into the city and with the prospects of more rain it does not look so favorable.

### MANY VIEW FLOOD

From Saturday's Daily  
Last night hundreds from Omaha as well as this city were visiting the scene of the Pappio flood in the vicinity of Fort Crook and where its greatest damage has been done. The Missouri Pacific has suffered considerable loss in the washing out of their tracks in several places and much of the roadbed has been cut out and the rails twisted and bent by the force of the water. The town of Fort Crook to the west of which the Pappio usually placidly flows, is now a great lake and water up into the buildings. The farming land that lies in the Pappio bottom is all a sea of water from the headwaters of the stream in Douglas county, to the mouth north of La Platte and where the stream empties into the Missouri river.

Water pouring over the section of highway No. 75, just north of the Fort Crook power plant caused the traffic to be detoured through the military reservation and thence onto the Bellevue road as the water was interfering with travel also in South Omaha along Railroad avenue and the low lying streets.

The loss in Omaha and vicinity will be very heavy, as hundreds of homes have been damaged by the flood.

### CONTINUES ABOUT THE SAME

Miss Eula Reed, one of the talented members of the teaching force of Cass county, has been confined to her home here for the past two weeks. Miss Reed has been suffering from the effects of a general nervous breakdown and continues about the same. The many friends have been hopeful that she might be able to resume her activities in a short time, as she has shown some improvement at times in the last few weeks.

### G. K. HETRICK ILL

From Thursday's Daily  
G. K. Hetrick, manager of the Plattsmouth Produce Co., was confined to his home today as he has not been feeling the best for the past several days. Mr. Hetrick was in such condition that it was decided that it would be best to have him examined by a specialist, who was called here in consultation with Dr. L. S. Pucelik. It has not been fully determined the exact nature of the trouble of Mr. Hetrick.

The Journal will appreciate your phoning in news items. Call No. 6. Thanks!

### RELEASED ON BOND

Gus Whitley, who was arrested Thursday night near Murray and charged with a violation of the liquor law, was released last evening on bond. The bond was fixed in the sum of \$500 and on being supplied the defendant was released to appear for hearing on August 24th. To the charge as preferred by the state the defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

There was no charge preferred against the other occupants of the car of Mr. Whitley.

## Nehawka Doctor Drowns in Weeping Water Creek

In Attempting to Answer Call of Patient Dr. D. E. Hansen Swept Into Flooded Stream.

From Friday's Daily  
Dr. D. E. Hansen, 23, Nehawka physician, drowned this morning at 7:30 in the swollen waters of the Weeping Water creek, while answering the call of a patient residing south of the creek.

Dr. Hansen had received a message shortly after 7 a. m., calling him to the Nels Anderson home, a short distance south of Nehawka and to reach which it was necessary to cross the Weeping Water creek. The creek, usually a quiet and placid stream, was swollen by flood waters into a raging torrent at the time the physician received the call.

Dr. Hansen was unable to get his automobile started and borrowed the car of Walter J. Wunderlich to attempt to make the trip, but the water flowing over the bridge was so deep that the car could not be used. In his efforts to respond to the call of illness and his professional work, Dr. Hansen then secured a horse to attempt to make the trip.

The horse on which Mr. Hansen attempted the trip, had gone onto the bridge and then lost its footing and was swept with the rider into the raging stream. Dr. Hansen attempted to swim the horse across the creek but without success and then getting away from the horse attempted to make the shore himself. The force of the current carried him down the stream and this was the last seen of him as he was battling vainly for his life in the waters of the creek.

There was a crowd of some forty persons on the bank attracted by the flood waters, but in the condition of the stream it was impossible to render any aid as the drowning man was swept rapidly down the stream.

At the last reports no trace of the body had been found, altho the countryside was joining in the search for the unfortunate man.

Dr. Hansen, who was unmarried, has resided at Nehawka for the past two years and was one of the most highly esteemed residents of that community. His home was at Omaha where his parents reside. The father of the unfortunate man passed through this city this morning en route to the scene of the tragedy.

The body of Dr. Hansen was recovered from the Weeping Water creek this afternoon at 1:30. The body had lodged 200 yards east of the roadway and where it was located when the water in the creek commenced to recede.

The horse escaped from the waters of the stream unhurt.

### TO START TRYOUTS

Captain Sam Arn of the high school football team, states that on Tuesday, August 23rd, there will be workouts at the athletic park for the football squad for this year. It is desired that all students who are planning to play this year come out and start the preliminary warming up for the start of the season.

### TO ENJOY OUTING

From Saturday's Daily  
This evening Sam Arn and John H. Becker, depart for Lake Okoboji, Iowa, where they will enjoy a week at the lakes in that locality. They will visit the various points of interest in the Iowa lake region and the anticipating a very pleasant time before they return home.

## Sarpy Farmers Awarded Large Damage Claim

Verdict Rendered in District Court of Sarpy County Sustained by State Supreme Court.

The state supreme court has sustained the verdict obtained in the district court at Papillion by a group of Sarpy county farmers for the sum of \$25,000 damages.

This suit was filed by Thomas Gladhill and nineteen other plaintiffs, against the state of Nebraska and the state department of public works, the allegations being that the lands of the plaintiffs were flooded as the result of the work done by the state department of public works.

The plaintiffs claimed to have been damaged by reason of the construction of the bridge on highway No. 75, south of Fort Crook, which it was claimed caused the ice to gorge in the Pappio creek and in March, 1929, when the ice melted the lands of the plaintiffs were damaged and they were unable to raise crops.

In upholding the district court the supreme court said that the law that private property cannot be taken or damaged, applies likewise to public authorities as well as private individuals.

### MANY ATTEND BOUTS

From Friday's Daily  
One of the places of attraction in this part of the state last night was Fort Crook, where the boxing matches of the C. M. T. C. were held before an audience of several hundred. There was almost as many of the civilians to attend the bouts as the students themselves. The Plattsmouth residents were present in a large number and enjoyed the card of boxing very much.

The fights were well conducted and some fast and clever boxers were shown in the array of talent of the eighteen bouts staged, and the rivalry of the various companies added interest to the occasion as they cheered on their comrades in the ring.

There were twenty-nine bouts scheduled for the evening, but the rain storm brought an end to the card and started the flight of the motorists for home and the students to their tents and barracks for shelter.

Virgil Hutton, of this city, was to have appeared in the nineteenth bout, but the rest were postponed until a later date, altho William Wetenskap appeared on the card last evening. Both are members of C. O. A.

### RETURN FROM OUTING

From Saturday's Daily  
Last evening Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky returned home from their month's outing in the east and which has been most enjoyable to them both. They spent the time visiting with the relatives along the route of their trip. They stopped for a short time at Newark, Ohio, where Mrs. McClusky has relatives and then motored on to New York state where two weeks were spent at the outing camp of a brother of Rev. McClusky. On their return trip they found rain in the state of Iowa and drove through this storm for the greater part of Friday. They were much surprised on reaching Omaha and vicinity to see the damage that the rain had done. They had fine driving conditions on the entire trip and did not have a single puncture to mar the pleasure of the trip.

### ATTEND STATE FAIR

Nebraskans are urged to set aside some part of the period beginning September 3 and ending September 9 as a time when you will attend the State Fair. You will feast your eyes on Nebraska's wonderful exhibits attesting her marvelous material resources. You will go home better inspired for work on the farm, in the store, in the office and in the home, for you will understand as never before how the finest people on earth are engaged together in Nebraska in the enterprise of developing the soil, live stock and human resources of a great state.

### ENJOY VACATION TRIP

Herbert Patterson, Chris Bullin and Wilbur Hall, three local young men, are enjoying a short outing at Lake Okoboji, Iowa, one of the popular resorts in this part of the west. The young men will enjoy the boating, swimming and fishing of the Iowa resort for a two week period and then return to their duties here. Mr. Hall is engaged with the BREX while Messers Patterson and Bullin are with the H. M. Soennichsen Co.

## Burlington Suffers from Many Washouts

No Trains Reach This City Today Owing to Effects of Torrential Rains on Roadway.

From Saturday's Daily  
The Burlington train service into and out of this city was tied up today as the result of the terrific rains that fell in all parts of eastern Nebraska and in this territory resulted in many washouts of track and softened roadbed.

In this immediate vicinity the section crews were kept busy all night and today in endeavoring to fix up the damage created by the storm and with the handicap of the fact that the lowlands were standing under several feet of water.

North of the Burlington station near the pumphouse, a landslide occurred that buried the track under several feet of dirt for quite a distance and the east bound track was covered with several carloads of dirt and closing the line of travel. At Oreadpolis the Four Mile Creek this morning was washing out sections of the track and also a bad washout was reported farther west between Oreadpolis and Cullom.

The high water in Pony Creek between this city and Pacific Junction was flowing over the tracks and making the moving of trains impossible for several hours.

Along the main line of the Burlington between the local station and the Missouri river bridge, the water flowing down from the steep hillsides leaped over the bluffs with such force that it carried clear over the tracks, section men report.

Washouts along the main line and the South Omaha cutoff of the "Q" blocked traffic and the swollen Pappio held back workers from being able to repair the damage.

Records at the Burlington station show that the rainfall last night was the heaviest in some thirty years, the previous record being seven inches, which, however, fell in a much shorter time than the 6.72 inches that fell last night.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily  
This morning Mrs. Hillard Grassman of this city, was operated on at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha. Mrs. Grassman has not been in the best of health for some time and it was decided that an operation would be necessary to permit the restoration to her former good health. The patient came through the operation in very good shape and at last reports was doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

### DE MOLAY ELECTS

Cass Chapter Order of DeMolay at their meeting on Tuesday evening, selected as the master councillor, Ralph Sullivan, one of the active and earnest members of the order. Succeeding Mr. Sullivan in the office of junior councillor, Marion Taylor was named. The new master councillor has been a member of the chapter for a number of years and was graduated from the high school here in the class of 1931.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily  
Charles K. Bestor of this city was operated on this morning at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, the operation following an attack of gall stones which had proven very serious. It is hoped that the operation will result in Mr. Bestor being relieved of his trouble and being able to return home in a short time.

## Miss Dorothy Stander Resigns School Position

Will Remain at St. Paul Minnesota, Instead of Taking Up Home Economics Work.

Miss Dorothy Stander, teacher last year in the home economics department of the public schools, will not return here to teach for the coming year, the board of education having received her resignation.

Miss Stander has been engaged in work at the St. Francis hotel in St. Paul, where she has charge of the preparation of the menus and other activities of the food department of the hotel, having been very successful in the work and as the offer of the hotel management was very much better than that of the teaching position she has decided to remain there.

The students who were taking the home economics course under Miss Stander will regret very much to learn that she will not return here the coming year and trust that she may have all of the success possible in her new work.

Miss Stander taught last year, replacing Miss Haley who resigned at the time of her marriage, and proved a very able and competent teacher in all departments of her work.

The board of education has not as yet elected a successor to the retiring teacher, altho they have a large number of applicants for the position.

### SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Eugene Chancellor, one of the popular young men of the city, was given a very delightful surprise Friday evening at his home, the occasion being his twenty-first birthday. The members of the jolly party of young people spent the time in dancing and games of all kinds which served to make the event one long to be remembered. The close of the evening was marked by a wiener roast that was very much enjoyed by the jolly group. All joined in their best wishes to the guest of honor as they departed for their homes. Those who attended were Helen and Isabelle Dew, Marsella Ransel, Harriett Simons, Dorothy Campbell, Ruby Sheldon, Vivian Moore, Mary Ellen Byers, Mary Ina Chancellor, Fred Todd, John Bauer, Jr., Everett Newton, Glenn Rhodes, Harold Vincent, Doris Street, Meredith Chancellor, George Hamilton and Les Napier of Norfolk and the guest of honor, Eugene Chancellor.

Officers make capture of alleged liquor dealer.

From Friday's Daily  
Deputy Sheriff Ray Becker and Leslie Thimman, last evening after an exciting chase, two miles north of Murray, captured a car driven by Gus Whitley of this city and in which Mrs. Whitley and Harry Newman were also riding.

The officer states when the first attempt to stop the car occurred, the driver continued on and it was necessary for the deputy sheriff to fire his revolver at the car to force the driver to stop.

During the pursuit officers state that bottles were seen to be thrown from both sides of the touring car and which were seen in the lights of the pursuing car of the deputy, two pints of liquor being afterwards picked up by the officers while the officers this morning made a second visit to the scene to recover what might be left of the bottles.

Mr. Whitley was held at the county jail in company with Newman to await charges being filed against him. It is expected that no charge will be preferred against the other occupants of the car.

### CHARLES BESTOR IMPROVING

Charles K. Bestor, who was operated on Wednesday at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, is reported as doing very nicely and recovering in fine shape from his operation which was for the removal of gall stones. This is most pleasing news to the many friends of Charley and they trust that he may soon be home and able to resume his usual activities.