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## Wind and Dust Storm Sweep the Missouri Valley

Slight Rainfall in Wake of Storm That Drives Temperature Down—Small Damage Here.

Sweeping from the dust laden plains of the Dakotas a storm driven by a wind that reached as high as 85 miles an hour in many places, swept down on the Missouri valley late Sunday afternoon, breaking the two week period of temperatures that have ranged from 100 to 114.

The storm was first noticed as the brown colored clouds with their white caps of wind rose in the north shortly before 6:30 and in a few moments the storm broke over the city when the wind driving at 70 miles an hour brought a deluge of dust over an area some forty miles wide along the Missouri river.

In a few seconds after the storm broke the air was filled with dust that was so thick that operators of autos were forced to turn on their lights in order to drive through the growing storm and which made travel very difficult as those on the highways and streets sought shelter.

The first rainfall in many weeks followed the dust in a few moments and brought a falling temperature that was a great relief to the residents who have suffered the past two weeks from the intense heat. The drop was from 104 to 86 in a very few minutes and bringing with it a rainfall of .14.

There was more or less damage to trees in all part of the city as the result of the high wind, limbs being strewn over the roadways and in a number of cases trees were broken completely off by the force of the wind.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company had their line on west Oak street blown down when one of the poles was broken and high tension line made a brilliant electric demonstration before it was shut off and repaired.

Travelers on the highway were finding it difficult to drive as the wind was at its height and the drivers found difficulty in keeping their cars on the highway but no serious accidents from the wind were reported.

Several parts of the city report windows blown in and damaged and in the business section one of the small upper windows of the Hotel Plattsmouth barber shop was blown in.

The storm was especially severe on the Missouri river where the dust reached a great velocity and the dust laden air was filled with all kinds of debris. The high wind brought up the waves on the river and gave a big scare to those who happened to be out on the stream at the time. William and John Grebe, fishermen, were out on the river near the Iowa side north of the Burlington bridge when the storm first appeared and started to row back to the Nebraska shore. The wind was such that it almost tore the oars from their hands and made rowing an impossibility and they had to trust to the current to carry them over. The boat was finally driven high on the bank near the Grover Eledge place by the force of the wind. They suffered having a large eighteen foot boat with motor swept over onto a bar and turned over but without damaging the craft to a great extent.

A pile driving machine of the A. W. Farney Co., used on the river work east of this city on the Iowa side, was sunk during the storm and this morning the fleet of the company and the workmen were busy in getting the driver back into service.

The wind tore out a twenty foot section of the roof of the former blacksmith shop of the Burlington which is now occupied by the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., as a storehouse. The unroofing took out sections on both the east and west side of the building.

### VISITS IN CITY

From Tuesday's Daily: Attorney H. D. Nolan, of Ashland, was in the city today to look after some matters of business at the court house where he was interested in the trial of a case in the district court.

### JUDGE BEESON BACK HOME

From Monday's Daily: This noon Allen J. Beeson, a resident of this city for many years, arrived for a short visit here with the old friends and neighbors "back home," where the boyhood and young manhood of the genial attorney was spent. Judge Beeson served here for some eighteen years on the county court bench and was one of the most popular and highly esteemed officials of the county over the long period of years until he laid aside the office. He has made his home for the past several years at Long Beach, California, and reports the members of the family as doing very nicely there.

## Charge Murray Men with Forgery of Several Checks

Names of Prominent Farmers of Murray Community to Checks Circulated Here.

From Monday's Daily: This morning in the county court was arraigned Robert Lee Whitfield and John H. Pointer, residents of Murray, faced a forgery charge as the result of several checks that they have circulated in this city.

In the case of both of the defendants they are charged with passing checks made out as payable to "Hugh B. Reed," in both cases being for \$6 and with the name of John Davis, well known Murray farmer as the giver of the check.

The checks were passed here at local business places and in the course of time were returned to Murray for payment at the bank there when it was discovered that they were forgeries. The checks were marked as payment for threshing work and which led to their being cashed readily by the business houses where they were presented.

Whitfield was here Saturday to testify in the case of the State vs. Berger and as he was on the witness stand for the state in the case, parties on whom the bad checks had been passed, visited the court room and identified him as one of the men passing the checks.

The two defendants entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and their preliminary hearing was set for Saturday, July 25th, bond being set in the sum of \$500 each and in failure to supply this they were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Sylvester.

### CAR GOES IN CREEK

Late Sunday afternoon a party of young men from the CCC camp at Weeping Water were crowded from the roadway on south Chicago avenue and their car crashed into the shallow dry creek on the east side of the avenue.

The car with the CCC members was driven by Ernest Schanz, who had purchased the car on Saturday and being unable to secure the necessary license was driving it without the proper license.

The car was attempting to pass another car going in the same direction when another car came from the opposite direction and with the result that Mr. Schanz drove his car up on to the shoulder of the roadway and it crashed on through the barrier into the creek several feet below. The members of the party were shaken up and some suffered cuts but not enough to be serious. All were able to return to Weeping Water later in the evening.

### HAVE FAMILY PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn was the scene of a very delightful family dinner party on Sunday when the family entertained to honor Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sands of Santa Ana, California, the latter a sister of Mrs. Arn, and Justin Anderson of Union, a nephew. Mr. Anderson is home on a furlough from the navy and the occasion was made the opportunity of the happy gathering. A fine dinner was enjoyed by all of the party and the rest of the day spent visiting. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson and daughter, Barbara, of Union, Justin Anderson, Albert Kreeger, Miss Mildred Sell, and Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Arn and family.

## Soap Box Derby Draws Big Crowd Sunday Afternoon

Kenneth Wohlforth, 12, Is Winner as City Champion Over James Torbert, Runnerup.

Sunday afternoon the city soap box derby which was sponsored locally by the Cass County Motor company and the Journal, was held on North Fourth street and drew out some two hundred of the fans to see the array of home made racers spinning down the steep incline from near the Herold apartment to the finish line at the court house.

There were a great many entries and which represented a great deal of work on the part of the youngsters who had been spending the past ten days in getting ready for the event.

Several of the races were close and created excitement among the fans and especially the young friends of the contestants. In the run off of class A James Torbert was the winner when his opponent, James Kozak, lost a wheel of his racer as he was going into the last half block of the race and they were running close. Kenneth Wohlforth was the winner for the class B event from Walter Bryant in a close race.

The final event was the city championship race and in which Wohlforth was the winner and received the silver loving cup as a trophy and a chance to compete in the state derby at Omaha next Sunday. The loving cup was presented by Judge A. H. Duxbury, who with Mayor George Lushinsky served as the judges of the event. The timers were Carl Schneider and James Nowacek, while the starters were Clement Woster and Merle McCrary.

### INVESTIGATE ROBBERIES

An organized gang of robbers seems to be working in the rural districts of Cass and Otoe counties according to reports reaching the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester.

Saturday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hennings was looted and in the same neighborhood the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. Lentz, of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church was also ransacked, the family being away from home at the time, but just what was taken has not been fully determined.

The home of Adam Heil in the same locality was also visited while the members of the family were away from the house and when they returned they found that their place had been given a thorough frisking.

Another of the residents of that section reports that they were visited by two strangers the latter part of the week but in this case the lady of the house had just returned and after asking a few questions the strangers were on their way.

Sheriff Carl Ryder of Otoe county reports that in his county there has been several of these farm robberies and it looks as though an organized gang was making the practice of preying on the farm homes while the residents are busy in the threshing season in the exchange of work.

### VISIT RELATIVES HERE

From Monday's Daily: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rummel of Burbank, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Holdrege, Nebraska, arrived in the city last evening for a visit here at the William Rummel home and with the other relatives and friends over the county. Mrs. Hall and Mr. Rummel are daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rummel. Robert Rummel of Columbus, Nebraska, was also here Sunday to join the family party.

### VISITS WITH RELATIVES HERE

Theodore Schroeder, of San Francisco, where he is engaged in the operation of a large wall paper company, was here over Sunday and Monday as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Ptak, the former a brother-in-law. Mr. Schroeder is enroute to New York City to look over lines at the manufacturers for his fall and winter lines. His son is now in the east, making the trip by plane from San Francisco to the eastern markets.

### A REAL OPTIMIST

One day the past week while the sun was beating down at 107 degrees in the shade and the drought well into its second month, one of the residents of the nearby community, came into one of the local service stations and after shopping around a bit ordered a pair of mud chains. This order was a real shock to the perspiring attendant and he was hardly able to recover from the shock to secure the chains, the first that had been sold since the heavy snows of last winter and early spring. The purchaser was evidently a believer that all was not lost and rainy days might come again.

## Gasoline Explosion Causes Very Severe Burns

Robert Hutchison, 15, Severely Burned When Gas Ignites While Filling Engine.

From Tuesday's Daily: Robert Hutchison, 15, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hutchison of Rock Bluffs was taken this morning to the University hospital at Omaha, suffering very severe burns as the result of an explosion of gasoline Monday.

The young man was engaged in doing some work and operating a gasoline engine and while the engine was running he started to fill the tank for the engine and in a few seconds the gasoline was ignited and in the succeeding explosion the burning fluid was splashed over the young man and with the result that he was very badly burned.

The burns extended over one leg, his arms and the main part of the body and were a very severe type and which caused the most intense suffering. He was given treatment by Dr. R. P. Westover and this morning was sent to the University hospital at Omaha where he will be given treatment and have every possible facility for care in his very serious condition.

### DEATH OF JAMES CONN

James Conn, 44, residing southeast of Murray, died Sunday morning at 11 o'clock as the result of a heart attack, he having not felt well in the extreme heat, but was not thought to be in serious condition and was able to be up and around until Sunday.

Mr. Conn has been a resident of this community for a great many years and for several years was engaged here in work in the shops, returning some six years ago to the farm of his mother, Mrs. Sarah McNatt near old Kenosha, where he has since been engaged in farming.

He is survived by the widow and two sons, Alfred, 18 and Harlan, 8, as well as the aged mother. Another son died last April from a heart attack while attending a dance at one of the neighbors.

### HAS LUCKY ESCAPE

Oscar Melander, who resides at Manley, had a very lucky escape with his car during the storm Sunday afternoon. He had left the car parked between two trees when the full force of the wind came up and made it impossible to get the car out of the danger spot. One of the trees was blown down in front of the car and the other just at the rear of the car, missing the car by inches and had one of these struck the car it would have damaged it a great deal, but as luck was with the owner only a few scratches were sustained.

### MARRIED AT LINCOLN

The marriage of Miss Buelah Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dean of Nehawka, to Edward Hansen of Creighton, son of Mrs. E. Hansen of Creighton, took place in Lincoln July 12 at the St. Paul M. E. church. Rev. Walter Aitken officiated. The bride wore blue chiffon with white accessories. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Golden, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mrs. Golden wore a yellow lace ensemble and a yellow picture hat. The couple is living in Lincoln.

## Storm Brings Work for Telephone Gangs

Many Lines Affected by High Wind of Late Sunday and Makes Repair Work Necessary.

The storm of Sunday afternoon has caused a great deal of expense and the use of much labor to the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., who have maintained in fine shape however, the service to their patrons, altho it has made necessary long hours of work on the part of the repair gangs.

When the full force of the wind had ceased late Sunday afternoon there were but six of the farm lines in good operating condition and it was necessary to have the linemen out to check these up and place them back in shape.

In the city proper limbs of trees which strewn the streets also served to cause some damage to lines and some poles were shattered by the force of the wind but as the line had largely been rebuilt in recent years it resisted the force of the wind in good shape.

The Louisville lead of the telephone company was out from after the storm struck until 10 Sunday night when the hard work of the repair gang brought it back in shape.

The sudden and severe storms is what brings out the fighting spirit of the linemen on the telephone system when they spring into action to keep the service going to the patrons of the company regardless.

### DISTRICT COURT SESSION

From Tuesday's Daily: District Judge Daniel W. Livingston was in the city today to hear several matters in his court and including the case of August Ossenkop et al, vs. Francis Orshek, et al, an application for an injunction. The plaintiffs seek to restrain the defendants from removing gravel from a pit near South Bend to which they claim to have a lease as well as using a road claimed to have been built by the plaintiffs as a private driveway. The case was heard and the parties given further time to extended their pleadings.

### VISIT AT MURDOCK

Visitors at the Mills home at Murdock were Mr. and Mrs. Keown of Peoria, Ill. They were on their way home after spending a month at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Keown is a niece of Mr. George Mills.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gestring and Mrs. Charles Francis of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Gestring returning from a trip to Flint, Mich., where they purchased a trailer fully equipped for traveling. They plan to make an extended trip into the Rocky mountains. They reported extreme heat and dry weather in the states they went through.

### VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Joseph L. Mahoney, of Miami, Florida, is in the city to enjoy a short visit at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Brinkman and son, Charles, as well as the many old time friends. Mr. Mahoney while a resident here was employed by the Burlington in their railroad shops. After his marriage to Miss Hilda Brinkman of this city, the family moved to the south and have been residing in Florida for the past several years.

### IS RELEASED

In the county court Monday afternoon Ernest Shipley was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery and to the charge entered a plea of not guilty and the hearing set for Saturday, August 1st. The defendant was released and allowed to return to his home south of this city until the hearing.

### COMPLETES SUMMER WORK

Miss Margaret Iverson, teacher in the local schools, who has been spending some time at the summer school of the University of Nebraska, has returned home. Miss Iverson has been taking special work at Lincoln in her line of educational training.

### HEAT CHECKS MEETING

The Rotary club had a very short and snappy session Tuesday noon at the Moffitt cafe on the occasion of their weekly luncheon. The program of the day was in charge of Searl S. Davis who announced that the events were to be short and snappy. Elmer Sundstrom, who had been the editor of "The Wheel," for the meeting had prepared the club paper in Swedish and after the chairman had attempted to read the various articles the author was called upon to translate the paper into English. This furnished the only feature of the meeting aside from the songs which were led by Dr. R. P. Westover.

## Local Eagles Pay Visit to District Meet

Large Groups from Outstate Meet at South Omaha Aerie to Witness Initiation of Class.

Tuesday evening was a very gala occasion for the members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in this section of the state when they gathered as guests of the South Omaha aerie to witness the conferring of the initiatory work on a class of some thirty-five, ten of these being from outstate aeries.

There were some twenty-four from Plattsmouth present, headed by W. M. Barclay, past state president, S. O. Zachman, of Kansas City, auditor of the grand aerie and W. H. Woolcott, local president. The attendance from other cities was very pleasing, Grand Island 8, Nebraska City 11; Columbus 15; York 20; Lincoln 12; Beatrice 5; North Omaha 58; Council Bluffs 42.

The initiatory work was in charge of the Fremont drill team which won first place in class B at the last grand aerie and which is to contest this year in class A at the grand aerie.

The South Omaha aerie had prepared a fine time for the members and a dainty lunch was served at the close to add to the festivities of the occasion. The next district meeting will be at Lincoln in September.

### HAS STARTLING EXPERIENCE

From Wednesday's Daily: At a very early hour this morning as the first flush of dawn came in the eastern sky, announcing another red hot day, C. L. Wiles, residing just west of the Missouri Pacific overpass on the Louisville road, was aroused by a knocking on the front door of the home. Mr. Wiles came to the door to find a young man clad only in his shirt and shorts and who inquired as to his whereabouts and how far he was from Louisville.

The young man stated that he had been "taken for a ride" by a party of friends and that they had proceeded to gang him and take his clothes, driving away with the clothes and turning him loose on the highway. He had wandered around for some time before locating the Wiles home.

Mr. Wiles rustled a pair of overalls and started the young man out on his way. He had suffered severe scratches in getting through the underbrush in the dark seeing help.

### ATTENDS GUARD CAMP

Mason Wall, local young man, is attending the national guard camp at Ashland this year, enlisting some weeks ago in the Nebraska City company of the 134th infantry. This is Mason's first experience in a military career and he is enjoying very much the drilling and strenuous life of training days at Camp Ashland where there are some 2,000 troops of the national guard in training.

### RETURN FROM OUTING

From Wednesday's Daily: Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hendichsen and daughter, Miss Wilhelmina, returned home from a trip to western Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas. They visited at Grant, Nebraska, Denver, Colorado, Stockton, Kansas and Columbus, Nebraska. While in Colorado they enjoyed a fine drive through the mountains and Estes Park.

## Plattsmouth to Hold Parade of Pulchritude

"Miss Plattsmouth" to Be Selected to Represent City at State Fair at Lincoln in September.

The King Korn Klub is sponsoring the contest that is to select from the large number of handsome and attractive young women of the city and nearby community, "Miss Plattsmouth," to represent this city at the state fair at Lincoln the first week in September.

These young ladies, ranging in years from fourteen to twenty-three, are to be entered into the contest which will bring the selection of "Miss Plattsmouth" at the Cass theatre at 8 o'clock on the night of August 4th, when the entries are to be presented for consideration of the judges and who will select the young lady that is to be "Miss Plattsmouth" who will enjoy a free trip to Lincoln and all expenses in the state contest to be sponsored by the Nebraska State fair.

The judges are to be from out of the city and the entries will be known to them only by number, the points to be judged being face, figure, personality and poise. The contestants will appear in ordinary dress.

The contestants are to be sponsored by local business houses and professional people of the community who will select their entries from those who will be announced or may enter choices of their own in the contest.

With the occasion of the selection of "Miss Plattsmouth" on the night of August 4th, there will also be held preceding the selection, a review of the little girls of more tender years, who will also be judged for "Miss Plattsmouth Junior," but who will not be in competition at the state fair.

The winner of the state honors will be "Miss Nebraska" and will be awarded a trip to the national contest at Atlantic City, New Jersey, where "Miss America" will be named.

### GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION

The membership of the Christian church gave a very pleasant farewell reception in the basement of the church on Monday evening, in honor of Rev. R. F. Allen and his good wife, who have been in charge of the pastoral work for the past six months. Rev. and Mrs. Allen departed Tuesday for a new field, having accepted the charge in North English, Iowa, church of some three hundred members, in a thriving and prosperous community.

The local church has prospered under the supervision of Rev. Allen, having shown a decided gain in membership, and the advancement in all departments of the church. Under his supervision the basement was completed and the church is now in a position to go forward with the work. Brother Allen has made a host of friends in this community who join the members in wishing them success in their new field of work.

The evening was spent in visiting, and the discussion of the future work. At the appointed hour, the ladies of the church served a delicious luncheon. With best wishes for the pastor and wife, all departed for their respective homes.

### YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Christine Kruse, of Nickerson and Mr. Norris Oliver Larson, of Fremont. The marriage vows were read by the Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of the church. The bridal party later returned to their home at Fremont.

### RETURN FROM OUTING

Mrs. V. V. Leonard and daughter, Miss Verna, returned home Tuesday evening from their outing in the west where they were visiting at the Yellowstone and other sections of the scenic portion of the mountain states. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Worley, the former a grandson of Mrs. Leonard, who are now visiting in the west.