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MANY RECALL BLIZZARD

A number of the local people who were old enough at the time to fully appreciate the blizzard of fifty years ago today recall this visitation in eastern Cass county. Here the blizzard lost much of the fury that marked it out in the less thickly settled sections. Here many groves and wind breaks held off the worst of the storm.

Phillip Born recalls that he was a lad and was helping cut wood in a grove near the house when the storm struck about four o'clock in the afternoon and the choppers led by Henry Falter, started for the house with the wind whipping the snow and making travel hard. They however reached home without difficulty.

A. J. Triflety recalls that snow

had fallen the day before and that the travel was hard even before the blizzard drove the snow in blinding clouds. As he recalls it the strong wind shook the old Central school building and the tower that used to ornament the top floor was swayed by the wind. The task of heating the school was too great and the students sent home. On the way home to the Triflety place on west Vine street, they witnessed the burning of the Bookemeyer home at Thirteenth and Vine streets.

George W. Snyder was at the farm home southwest of the city doing the regular chores of the day when the bitter wind driving the snow, swept from the north and filled the air with blinding sheets of snow. Mr. Snyder made his way to the school a short distance away where Mathilde Gopen was teaching, he assisting the teacher home through the storm. (Incidentally this teacher became Mrs. Snyder). One of the incidents of the storm that he recalls was the battle of A. A. Wetenkamp and his father, through the storm to their farm home. The Wetenkamps had brought a load of cattle to Plattsmouth and were only part way home when the storm struck and they were forced to fight through the blinding snow but finally reached home safely.

T. H. Pollock of this city recalls the storm and which buried the city under a deep blanket of snow, drifts being piled up that isolated many sections for days. He was at the time clerk in the First National bank, then located at Sixth and Main streets, the storm breaking just about the close of banking hours. The Pollock home in the southwest part of the city, (where is now located the W. G. Kleck home) was isolated by the snow for several days. There was no suffering here however, Mr. Pollock states, the citizens were very anxious however for word from the western part of the state where there was death and much suffering. In those days communication was not so rapid and many days elapsed before the real facts were learned.

FLOWER SHOW IS OPEN

The flower show of the Plattsmouth Garden club, which was held Saturday at the Bekins building, will again be open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Many were unable to attend the show Saturday on account of the cold weather conditions and it was decided to give them the opportunity to enjoy the show during the middle of the week.

CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

The case of the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland vs. Joe Lapidus, et al. was heard Tuesday by Judge W. W. Wilson in the district court. At the conclusion of the argument the case was taken under advisement. The case was for judgment on bond.

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Storm of Fifty Years Ago Today is Recalled

Anniversary of the Worst Blizzard Recorded in the History of the State.

OMAHA, Jan. 12 (UP)—Today is the fiftieth anniversary of the most disastrous blizzard in the history of the west.

The death toll from the great storm, which broke suddenly on Jan. 12, 1888, ran into the thousands. Sheldon's history of Nebraska lists more than 100 Nebraskans frozen to death. More than 1,000 Dakotans lost their lives.

Many tales of heroism still are told—of school teachers who succeeded in saving the lives of their little charges, of doctors and ordinary citizens who endangered their own safety to save others.

Two boys of 18, who are still alive, were heroes in saving the lives of 20 smaller children in a district school house eight miles north of Tekamah. They are Cliff Laughlin, now living in Huron, S. D., and Edward Peterson, now in California. The man school teacher left his post when the blizzard struck and later was threatened with violence for his desertion. Laughlin and Peterson took charge of the situation, according to Gorton Roth, Omaha grain man, who was one of the younger boys trapped by the storm.

"Although the woodshed was only 10 feet from the schoolhouse door," said Roth, "we found we were able to reach it only by tying a guide rope. All night long Laughlin and Peterson took turns in getting wood. The thermometer dropped to 30 below. The smaller children slept on the double desk seats. They nibbled parched corn. Next morning my father forced his way through the storm carrying a hamper of sandwiches.

The elder Roth, now 92, lives at Tekamah.

Two boys, Ed and Wren Morrow, 13 and 14, who started for home had a narrow escape from death, but finally reached there safely.

A gay sleigh party of 109 Omahans who had gone to Council Bluffs for a party were forced to seek shelter in the Iowa city and remain there all night.

Walter L. Smith, a district school teacher three miles east of West Point, saved 15 of his pupils by refusing to let them leave the school house. Two small girl pupils were carried home by their fathers and all almost lost their lives in the endeavor. Although they lived but 70 rods away they became lost and reached their destination only because they stumbled against a fence and were able to follow the wire to the house. Later in the evening Lars Hansen, a farmer sent a man to invite the children to his home. Smith finally accepted the offer. The children formed a human chain reaching from one cottonwood tree to another and finally all arrived safely. They slept five in a bed.

Harry Jarrett, his sons Herbert and William Garrett, and Harry Miller, a cousin, spent the night in a haystack. Jarrett lost all the fingers on his left hand.

A hero fund of \$3,750 was raised for Miss Etta Shattuck, school teacher near Emmett, Holt county. After she had gotten all her pupils home safely, Miss Shattuck started out alone. She wandered around on the prairie, finally bumping into a haystack. She dug a hole and crawled in. She sang hymns to keep warm and finally went to sleep. She lay helpless for three days. Mice nibbled at her hands. Friends searched for her and on the fourth day a farmer found her. Both her feet had to be amputated. She died later. She is buried at Seward, Neb.

Three small children died when their teacher, Miss Lola Royce, attempted to lead them a few hundred feet from the school home to a nearby residence near Plainview, Neb. After hours of struggle against the wind, the teacher sank in the snow and gathered the three children about her. They sobbed themselves

Public Works Proposals Heard by the Council

Petition Received for Sewerage on Lands East of the City—Discuss Chicago Avenue Paving.

The city council had for their consideration Monday evening, several public works propositions but which the financial condition made necessary laying over for the present at least.

A petition was received by the council signed by a large number of the residents of the city and in which it was asked that the drainage ditch on the bottom east of the Burlington tracks, be placed in shape to carry off the sewerage and not cause floods or offensive odors in that section.

Mayor Lushinsky stated that about one-third of the proposed sewer would be in the city and the remainder would be in Plattsmouth precinct. The cost as had been estimated previously would be in the neighborhood of \$27,000 to \$30,000. It would be necessary to construct a large concrete covered sewer to adequately do the job and this would be costly. That the sewer was badly needed was stated by the mayor but the method of financing would have to be arranged.

The sewer question was referred to the WPA committee for consideration and action.

City Clerk Albert Olson reported that he had collected in the month of December \$92.20 and which had been placed in the city treasurer's hands.

City Treasurer M. D. Brown reported that the city had on hand funds in the amount of \$21,578.00 and which was deposited in the Plattsmouth State bank.

The L. W. Egenberger agency, handling the city rental properties, reported that the sum of \$96 had been collected in rentals and it had been necessary to expend \$111.60 in the repair and care of several of the places and left a deficit of \$15.60 due the agency.

Councilman Webb asked that further time be granted in the matter of sale of some tax property and which was granted.

Councilman Tippens reported that the heavy work in the street department had been cleared up and only small matters were being handled now.

Councilman Walter Brittain reported that the repairs ordered done at the city hall had been carried out and the flue and walls placed in good shape.

Councilman Vroman reported that the police had complained of a great deal of trouble from young children being on the streets at late hours and not going home as they should. It was suggested that ordinance No. 76, the old curfew ordinance that provided for children being off the street by 9 p. m. be enforced and which was so ordered. This ordinance has not been enforced for a great many years but in its day it served to send the younger residents of the city homeward when the blast of the curfew whistle sounded.

Councilman Vroman of the police committee, reported that the police had asked that a local young man who was to have appeared here for trial Monday, had gone to Weeping Water. It was voted to have the police officers secure the services of the sheriff or constable who had

to sleep. Miss Royce stretched on the ground, covered the little tots with her own cloak. One of the boys was the first to die. Seven-year-old Hattie Rosburg, according to newspaper accounts of 1888, became delirious in the teacher's arms. She died at daybreak. Miss Royce survived but suffered amputation of both feet.

When the roof of a schoolhouse near Ord was blown off by the first blasts of the storm the teacher, Miss Minnie Freeman, took the smallest child in her arms, tied all the other children together with a cord, and struggled nearly a mile to safety.

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Iowa-Nebr. Light and Power Co., city hall light and gas ..	10.15
J. C. Brittain, labor	8.60

ROCK BLUFF SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BE ORGANIZED

A delegation from the Christian church of this city will journey down to our neighboring Village of Rock Bluff, to assist in the organizing of a Bible school at that place next Sunday, January 16, at 3 p. m. This delegation will consist of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Taenzler, J. H. Graves, superintendent of the Sunday school, the choir and a number of teachers.

Rev. Taenzler will bring a message after the Sunday school session. Mr. Graves will assist with the organizing of the school, the choir will bring music with them to be used and also render a special number fitting for the occasion. The Sunday school teachers present will also render their services.

This movement to start a Sunday school in Rock Bluff was first started by a delegation from the tabernacle of Omaha, who have been holding services at Rock Bluff for the past month.

This movement is deserving of your support and co-operation and every one in the community of Rock Bluff should be present to render their help in this good work.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ELECTS

From Monday's Daily—There was a fine attendance at the annual congregational meeting of the St. Paul's church yesterday. The Messrs. Henry Born, J. E. Meisinger and John Lutz were unanimously re-elected to the church council.

DIVORCES FOR THE YEAR

Clerk of the District Court C. E. Ledgway in his summary of the office work for the past year finds that fourteen divorces were granted in the district court the past year. This is one of the lowest figures in the divorce docket in a number of years.

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authority out in the county and bring him back to this city for trial and punishment.
Councilman Webb of the WPA committee reported that the rocking of Lincoln avenue had been held up by the state department because of the fact that survey had not been made of the drainage, sewerage and sidewalks and which was demanded as a part of the program. He reported that the surveying work would be done and transmitted to the state WPA offices.

H. A. Risk of Nebraska City was present and was called on by Mayor Lushinsky to discuss the Chicago avenue paving and sewerage. Mr. Risk had discussed the matter as a WPA project with Mr. Sorenson of the district WPA offices and had looked over the proposition. Mr. Risk had found that the bricks in the paving were in excellent shape and he would not recommend these being used in a sewer as they were of a high quality paving brick. He would recommend that the bricks be taken up and a four inch base laid on top of the present base and the bricks relaid. The heavier base would stand the traffic which has broken down the present base in several places.

On the much needed sewer in that section Mr. Risk stated that it would require a large pipe, at least as large as the present 26-inch one but he did not think it practical to place in a larger pipe than that which comprised the older part of the sewer system. The paving and the sewer would provide a great deal of hand work and a large number of men on the job, removing, cleaning and relaying the bricks as well as excavating for the sewer and its filling. Mr. Risk stated he would check over and see if it could not be made a WPA project and he thought that as a labor employing proposition that the commissioners might be able to aid as it would lessen the relief load.

Councilman Webb stated that aid might be secured as a means of making the relief load lighter as the county commissioners were faced with, the responsibility of caring for the indigent. They had been very generous in the past in aiding. The city had done a great deal in helping on the relief load with the paving of Sixth street and the Wintersteen hill rocking as well as several smaller jobs. The new relief fund was now available and might be used in the work project jobs. If the work could not be done with the available funds then it would be necessary to issue bonds and to which he was opposed. Mr. Webb pointed out that the city had slowly and with strict economy reduced the city bonded debt and he did not favor again saddling on a larger bonded indebtedness.

Mr. Risk stated that he would be glad to come up at any time and assist in helping figure out the paving work if desired and the city could find a way to carry out their part of the work.

The representative of the Turk-Summersville insurance company was present in regard to the city compensation policy which will expire the last of the month. This was referred to the finance committee to investigate as to the renewing of the policy.

The following bills were ordered paid:
Iowa-Nebr. Light & Power Co., street lights\$245.98
K-B Printing Co., tobacco licenses 3.89

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