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BIGGEST BLIZZARD FOR MANY YEARS

Trains Blocked—Wires Down—No Communication Monday—Wind Fiercest for Many Winters.

NOTES OF THE STORM FROM OVER THE STATE.

Sunday afternoon following threatening weather for more than a day, came the fiercest blizzard that has visited central Nebraska for many winters, and Monday morning, after an all-night's continued session, the high winds and blinding snow continued as bad as ever, with wires down, trains blocked, and no knowledge whatever to be gleaned as to what was occurring in the outer world, with streets, sidewalks and roads concealed by high snow drifts and all business and traffic at a standstill. Fortunately, however, the wind and snow was unaccompanied by severe cold, hence no severe suffering nor loss to stock followed. On the other hand, the snow was of a very heavy and wet nature, making movements of trains almost impossible. Added to the blizzard was the fact that preceding the same for two days trees and foliage was covered with sleet and ice and when the wind came this covering was reminding one of a veritable hail storm as the wind came in swirls and gusts and the branches dipped like sails on storm-tossed vessels on wide ocean. For years, this country has not had as much snow covering Mother Earth as at present in volume and with such staying qualities, as the earth has not been bared of the white covering since the 3rd of last December, making two months of one continued season of white delight. Just when winter will cease its troubling and spring-time come upon us, will, according to the superstitious and believers in any old signs, be left to Mr. Groundhog, who saw his shadow Tuesday and thereby proclaimed to a gullible public the remaining extent of the winter.

Fires Broadside Into the U. P. Boycott Deal

Editor Northwestern:—I wish you would kindly give this article, space in your paper to present the railroad's side of the "Sunday train" controversy. To begin with, I am given to understand that a petition has been circulated among the business men to boycott the Union Pacific unless they are given a Sunday train. Why the Union Pacific? Why not the Burlington? Today the Union Pacific is furnishing Loup City twice as good service in passenger and mail business, as the Burlington. Having both noon and evening passenger and mail train daily, both of which are being operated at a loss to the company, but which delivers the mail and passengers at noon, instead of 6 p. m., were they to come via the Burlington. The tendency of the business men has been in the years past, and at the present, to give to the Burlington all the business possible, letting the Union Pacific have what came that way by necessity. This has a few exceptions. Why is this done? I cannot see, unless it is in return for the Burlington building into and out of Loup City twenty odds years ago, and changing a thriving little city into a dead one, by cutting off all inland trade. No doubt the Union Pacific would have boycotted Loup City long ago were it possible for a public service corporation to close up shop when they operate

A snow plow came up on the U. P. branch Tuesday morning and opened up the road, enabling the motor to go out on its usual trips that day. Omaha and all the cities and towns of Nebraska were cut off from communication with the outside world from about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon till some time late Monday, all wires being down and while trains were kept running on all roads they did so only relying on their schedule time and block signals, and nothing could be heard by wire or phone from any direction. The rains of Saturday over the state, followed by the moisture of Sunday pulled the wires down everywhere by sheer force of weight. Nothing like it has visited the state in years.

Our usually urbane and Christianized draymen had the time of their lives Monday in making their trips over the city in delivering warming material to the various homes. Once in a while one would try hauling a ton of bituminous, with varying success, getting stuck in snowdrifts being the rule. It is claimed, and no one has had the temerity to deny the truth thereof, that good, tried-and-true John McDonald hitched himself in front of his team and absolutely hauled team, dray and all out of a drift into which the horse had gotten themselves inextricably mixed. And John is some "hoss" when it comes to a show-down, so to speak.

The big blizzard began letting up Monday afternoon and by Tuesday morning had ceased its troubling and nature began taking on more roseate manners.

Many Grafters Flooding the Smaller Towns

Reports coming from all parts of the country indicate that a horde of grafters are working their way west to the California expositions. These grafters avoid the larger cities, as a general rule and confine their operations to the smaller communities. A favorite method of getting money to help them on their way is to represent themselves as collectors for some religious, temperance, charity or educational movement and some of them this year, pretend to be working for the suffrage cause. In one town in Nebraska last week so many of these charity and tem-

perence "moochers" had worked the citizens, that a Salvation Army lassie—a bona fide collector for the organization—had hard sledding to collect enough to pay her fare out of town. Most of the frauds carried "credentials," upon investigation, proved to be not worth the paper they were written on. The editor of the local paper, after exposing the game, warns his readers thus: "Beware of the religious 'moocher' or grafter, as he or she is the most despicable hypocrite on earth. If you have a desire to give to charity or the church you can find plenty of opportunities right here at home."

BREAKS LIMB IN HAY BALER

Wesley Carpenter of Austin Suffers Fracture Just Above Ankle.

ANKLE ALSO DISCONNECTED.

Last Thursday, while Wesley Carpenter was engaged in baling hay on the O. F. Petersen farm, and attempting to remove some of the extra hay around the baler, his foot slipped into the baler and resulted in breaking the leg just above the ankle and throwing the ankle out of commission. Dr. Dickinson of Rockville was called and attended the suffering man and latest reports are to the effect that he is resting easy and getting along as well as the nature of the accident will allow.

CHRIS JENSEN OF ASHTON FALLS AND BREAKS LIMB.

Word was received here Tuesday morning by Mr. A. B. Outhouse that Chris Jensen, local manager of the Keystone Lumber Co., while going home from the company's office, Monday evening, slipped on the icy walk and fell, breaking one of his legs. At this writing, no further particulars had been received.

Owen Daily of Nebraska regained the lightweight championship by taking two straight falls from John Makie of Boston at the Oliver theater in Lincoln last Wednesday night. Both falls were secured on toe-holds, which the Finn was unable to break. After trying to break the hold for five minutes he gave up. The first fall was secured in 52 and the second in 8 minutes.

The new furniture establishment of Mr. E. T. Beushausen is now one of the business enterprises of this city. Mr. Beushausen last week received and installing a car load of new furniture in the Oldman building, and receives another large consignment this week to complete his stock.

Mrs. Emma McCray came down Comstock Friday returning to her school duties Saturday.

BROWN SCORES BEUSHAUSEN

Former Editor of the Times Roasts Present P.M.—Editor of Same Sheet

SCIENTIFICALLY DONE.

It is to laugh to read some of the comments offered by citizens of the state upon Governor Morehead's recommendation of establishing a state printing office at the state penitentiary. An editor out in the wilds of Sherman county, located in a little burg on the east bank of the Middle Loup river, at the extreme north end of the Omaha & Republican Valley Ry., says that he is really ashamed of some of the newspaper men who scored Governor Morehead for his recommendation. The said editor is the Nasby of said little hamlet hence does not depend wholly upon the returns from his advertising columns for his financial support. Ashamed of his fellow craftsmen who called attention to the folly of establishing a printing plant in an institution where illiteracy abounds. Why, think of it, James O'Connell, who is now in charge of the night school at the penitentiary, and who but recently called attention of the powers that be to the necessity of more strenuous work in the instruction of the convicts, was once a professor in the schools of the same little wayside hamlet, aforesaid. There is not a man in the state, be he editor or otherwise, who will not sanction the establishment of a state printery where intelligent free labor can be employed, but not reasonable-minded man will sanction the establishment of the same in an institution where illiteracy abounds. The very idea of a man who claims to possess a thimble full of gray matter comparing the printing trade to broom making. All a man needs to start a broom factory is a few hard wood handles, some broom straw, a pail of dirty water, a wooden clamp, a lodge needle, some wire and a ball each of red and green cord; but it requires something besides a few shoe pegs to do a passable job of state printing now-a-days. It would be well for some men who are in the newspaper game to sit still and look wise rather than to attempt to chastise their fellows who called attention to Governor Morehead's folly, for they show their ignorance. If may be possible, though, that they contemplate breaking into the state's penal institution. It listens, though as if they are subjects for Ingle-side rather than Lancaster.

Mrs. R. H. Mathew went to Chicago last Thursday morning, taking her baby to consult the specialist again, and another operation may be decided upon while there.

No Need of Proof Willing to Admit it

A stranger arriving in a new western city on some real estate business which involved a question of law, asked the first professional-appearing man whom he met in the latter would not kindly direct him to the best lawyer in the city. "My dear sir," answered the one addressed, who happened to be a bit young in years, "excuse me you are addressing him." It happened that he was a lawyer. The legal point involved was technical and the easterner hesitated because of the youth of the other. As diplomatically as possible he swerved to the question of what proof the new lawyer could offer as to his efficiency in the legal profession, his experience, etc. "My dear sir," repeated the youth, "it is not necessary to prove that I am the best lawyer in the city; I will admit it."

TAYLOR CHOSEN VICE PRESIDENT

Nebraska Independent Dealers Appoint E. G. Taylor Vice-President.

LOUP CITY AGAIN ON THE MAP.

Messrs. E. G. Taylor and J. A. Chandler returned from Lincoln last Saturday evening, where they had been in attendance on the state meet of telephone people. They report unusually interesting sessions. E. G. Taylor was elected vice president of the association, again putting Loup City on the map by selecting one of the most enterprising and aggressive of our leading citizens for the second highest office. Among the speakers on the program, Mr. Taylor gave a most interesting talk on "Need of Good Service," the Star speaking of his intelligent conception of the subject as follows:

"The necessity of good service was the principal theme of E. G. Taylor, of the Sherman County Telephone company of Loup City. He declared that it was absolutely necessary to give good service, especially where the business man is concerned, since he is willing to pay a higher price if necessary for efficient service. He declared that it pays to construct the best lines possible, and also advocated the owning of all farm lines by the company operating the exchange, or to have them all owned by the farmers, since the mixing of ownership was fatal to good service. On the same grounds he advocated the employing of operators over 18 years of age, the older operators proving more satisfactory."

There were over 100 telephone men in attendance, in fact all but the Bell company. An elegant banquet was served at the Lindall. The next meeting place was left with the executive committee to decide some time prior to the 1916 meeting.

New Lumber Firm Take Charge of Business

On Monday of this week, Feb. 1st, the Hansen Lumber Co. of Hastings, Neb., successor to J. P. Leininger Lumber Co., took charge of the big business in this city. Invoicing of the stock began last Friday and on Monday Messrs. Hansen and son and Mr. Leininger and his corps of employees were busily engaged in that strenuous work, which would probably employ their time for some days longer. P. E. Hansen will have charge of the yard here as local manager, with his sister Miss Mabel Hansen as book-keeper and general assistant, and we may confidently expect the business to keep up its present volume and indeed increase as time goes by with increase of population and consequent greater demand.

The Hansen Lumber Co., is a corporation, consisting of Hans Hansen, P. E. Hansen and Miss Mable Hansen, with the first-named, father of the two latter only concerned in a financial way, and will continue his home and business at Hastings. The Northwestern wishes the new company a retention of the large volume of business enjoyed by Mr. Leininger and many additions to the patronage it already enjoys.

By reference to our advertising columns this week, will be found the adv. of The Daily Furniture Co., and the announcement of the connection therewith of James E. Scott, who comes to us with highest recommendations as a licensed embalmer and funeral director. Mr. Scott passed through the crucial examination in his line of work with the very highest per cent, and has thorough knowledge of the profession he makes his life work. It will be to your interest to deal with them.

Mrs. D. L. Adamson, who broke one of her ribs one day last week by a severe fall, is reported as not mending as favorably as could be wished. Her daughter, Mrs. Bid Taylor, came up from her home at Council Bluffs last Saturday evening to be with her.

Don Charlton came up from Lincoln last Saturday noon, where he is first assistant secretary of the senate, and remained at home over Sunday, returning to his official duties at the capitol Tuesday.

SUNDAY SERVICE SPECULATION

A Few Thoughts on Desired Sunday Train Service on This Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad.

WHY NOT SUNDAY TRAINS?

In another column on this page will be found a roast of our people who have fired into the U. P. officials a petition asking for Sunday trains service, the said roast and toast being from the pen of ex-Engineer J. B. O'Bryan, pensioner of that road for a life-time of active service, the roasted being a large majority of our merchants and business men, who remember that the Union Pacific road was the recipient of many thousands of dollars of handout from the people to get them to build into Loup City, and who think that the road should give them Sunday mail trains, as one of the pressing necessities of our business mart, and that we are entitled to just as good and efficient service as is given the Ord branch, which has secured from the Union Pacific such service. As train service is now, we get no mail from Saturday night till Monday noon, to late to answer and send out before Tuesday morning, making a very great hardship especially to business interests who under the existing circumstances lose from one to two days in answering their correspondence, getting out orders and attending to business matters with their wholesale houses, etc. It will be noticed that Bro. O'Bryan tends more to sarcasm and ridicule than he does to facts. He does not tell us why the Ord branch should have better service than the Sargent branch. He does not speak of the bonus received by the U. P. for building in here, when he cries over the

alleged injustice to his pet road, nor does he take the people into his confidence and tell them that while the U. P. was liberally paid for coming here the B. & M. came in on their own motion and without bonding our people for thousands of dollars for securing the road. He bemoans an alleged fact that the B. & M. gets most of the business of Loup City and surrounding country, while the U. P. gets the small end of the deal, and insists that the former went right on through to other points, making this a way station, while the latter loyally remained right here as its jumping off place. He forgets to give any reason for alleged discrimination, if discrimination there be—and there is always a cause for everything. We do not know as to his contention that the B. & M. gets the most dough, not having at hand figures showing the shipments and receipts of both roads, or either one, hence we leave that as admitted, in absence of figures to refute his statement. But we do know that the U. P. gives Sunday service to the Ord branch and does not give equal service to the Sargent branch, and in fact make the Sargent branch a branch of the Ord branch, with lack of the Sunday service given the Ord branch. Friend O'Bryan claims the U. P. branch is a losing proposition to the Union Pacific, and intimates that it is compelled to operate at a loss and would not operate at all were it not compelled to by law. Again, in the absence of figures, we cannot refute the alleged fact that the road is operating at a loss, but it appears passing strange to one from Missouri. There are many other little points to Uncle Joe's letter that are mighty interesting and readable, and we advise all to read it. We are not inclined to believe that our business men and people generally, and especially those who signed the alleged boycott, wish to rob the U. P. or make it operate at a loss, nor do we believe they signed the paper with any such intention. The whole thing has been put through with the principal desire for equal treatment with the other branches, to put us on an equal footing with neighboring towns, and relieve business interests of the handicap to them as against the better service rendered their neighbors. Loup City has always, we are inclined to believe, been obliged to play second fiddle to the Ord lead in the Union Pacific orchestra, and it may not be severely blamed if it gets just a bit tiresome as the years go by.

Celebrate their 33rd Anniversary

Monday of this week being the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Zimmerman, they on that evening entertained at a 7-o'clock 3-course dinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marcy and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burleigh. Their wedding anniversary being on the same date as that of Mr. and Mrs. Waite, the event was made still more interesting by their presence at the function, it being their 16th anniversary of double felicity. Mrs. Beth Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, assisted by Miss Pearl Needham, gracefully presided over the tables. Following the most excellent dinner, the evening was given over to felicita-

tions of the brides and grooms of 'steven years ago, and best wishes for many returns of the day, especially the evening, and vocal and instrumental music by the charming and talented daughter of the host and hostess.

Marshal Burnett had out his snow scraper early Tuesday morning and by noon had gone over most of the principal streets of the city and many of the side-walks, and made getting around less burdensome to the tired pedestrians.

A great many people at the present time are eating rye bread or bread made from whole wheat flour. If you eat this kind of bread you will feel better. The Loup City Mills make pure rye flour also whole wheat flour. Try a sack and be convinced.