

THE HERALD

PLATSMOUTH, APRIL 28, 1881. JNO. A. MACMURPHY, EDITOR.

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At Norfolk this State they took nearly all the inhabitants from the second story windows. At Logan creek the Loup, Elkhorn and Logan creeks the towns and settlers have suffered more or less. The destruction and loss of life on the upper Missouri both on the Nebraska, and Dakota and Iowa sides is as yet not fully known, and the devastation of fields and loss of the use of lands for the season must bring destitution to many a family and break up many a hitherto happy and prosperous home.

Here we have scarcely known what high water means only as a subject of curiosity—to see what it has done to our neighbors. No machine shops are under water, no low bottoms inundated where much loss can occur. Our only trouble is loss of mail connections and travel, every one being obliged to put off business of a migratory nature for the present. For a week we had no mails from Omaha practically. One could not go north, south or east by rail—only west—the great west was yet open to enterprise and location. Much speculation has been indulged in about the future whims of the Missouri, will it stay up now until the June rise or will it return to its normal condition and be again swollen to its present measures by the usual melting of the mountain snows in June. We have no doubt ourselves but that it will be a very high river all summer.

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Col. Geo. H. Thompson, the architect and temperance editor of Plattsburgh, we have been able to lay by a little money again for a rainy day.—A Poor Man's Wife

Our Water Works.

Saturday a report came down that many people were suffering over on the bottoms below St. Mary and that they needed food and help. A purse was made up at once by our charitable citizens, and that is one thing Plattsburgh may be proud of. She always comes out strong in adversity or when the call for help arises.

Another Trip on the New Ella.

Word having been brought that parties and cattle were suffering in the bend above the Platte in Sarpy County, Capt. Simpson with Mayor O'Rourke agreed to go on there Tuesday morning and see what could be done or what was needed; securing Capt. Mann as pilot we went up there accordingly. The wind was very high and the current very strong. Arriving at a point nearly east of La Platte we found Mr. Joseph Giles on a little plot of ground yet above water in some willows. Inland on little knolls we could see some 125 head of cattle which had been there several days without food except what could be brought on a skiff. The boat made fast and Geo. Edgerton, Jno. Lynch, Judge Vivian, Capt. O'Rourke and others in skiffs and by wading helped Mr. Giles and his neighbors drive the cattle to the place where the boat lay. The water was four or five feet deep in places. The little calves' noses would just keep out of the water as they followed and were bawled along. The cattle behaved very bad on this little point and would not enter the bluff and here a singular thing occurred showing the real danger they were in on the knolls farther inland.

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