

# WINDS FROM OKLAHOMA POLLS

## Families in Bluffs Use Row Boats

Relief Workers Busy Caring for Storm Victims—Streets Still Under Mud and Water.

## Car Service Is Crippled

Council Bluffs yesterday started to dig out of the mud that covers it. Broadway, the main thoroughfare, for many blocks was knee deep in mud that covered the sidewalks and street and even extended into some of the stores.

Numerous other streets were covered with water and many blocks were lakes in which stood houses, some of them abandoned by their owners. Other houses were half in ruins, the basement walls having caved in under the weight of the soft den ground. Boats, piled about the lakes, taking people to and from their dwellings.

One bridge over Indian creek was swept away and another, in course of construction, was so undermined that it will have to be rebuilt.

Scores of householders were busy shoveling the mud from their sidewalks as they shovelled snow in winter. Many a sidewalk was covered with a foot of mud.

Street car service was badly crippled. Omaha cars ran as far as Twentieth street, Council Bluffs. These passengers got off and detoured on foot via Broadway to Sixteenth street, where they again boarded stub line cars which moved slowly on as far as Eighth and Broadway.

Crowds Visit Scenes.

Gangs of men with teams and saws were at work clearing the mud from some places. Firemen with hoses worked at other places, washing the mud down the sewers. Other gangs were busy with buckets and pumps, clearing out the cellars and basements flooded with mud and water.

The place where the family of four was killed in the cyclone was crowded all day with the curious.

Early in the evening when the Omaha visitors were returning, automobiles were lined up for a mile and a half on the Iowa side, slowly getting across the bridge.

Relief work for scores of marooned and homeless families in the tornado and flood districts continued throughout Sunday with workers of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, police and three units of the Iowa National Guard doing all within their power to assist.

With 10,000 automobiles and 50,000 persons visiting the stricken districts as sight-seers, the traffic problem called for every available officer of the police force, who, with the national guard units, were kept busy handling the throngs.

Boats Pressed Into Service.

Nearly a dozen rowboats from Manawa were pressed into service carrying marooned families from their homes and in transporting passengers across the miniature lakes between Twentieth and Twelfth streets, where street cars were unable to get through. It is estimated that 6 or 9 families were transported in boats during the day.

The need for immediate relief is greater in the Manawa district than in the uptown area, it was reported. At Manawa 24 families are housed temporarily in a church and in a store building. Red Cross relief stations, supplying food and clothing to the refugees, are established and at present have plenty of supplies. The Salvation Army station is at 28 North Seventh street.

Ambulances Stuck in Mud.

The police ambulance was called to rescue a woman named Potter, who is suffering from a broken hip received some time ago. She was taken from her home at Fourteenth street and Avenue L to the home of friends. Enroute the ambulance became stuck in the mud. Earlier in the day the Cutler ambulance was called to take a patient from Avenue B and Twelfth street and this machine also mired in the mud. The Cutler ambulance was pressed into service to tow the ambulance out.

During the day a sewer caved in at Twentieth street and Seventh avenue, leaving a big hole and rendering the street impassable.

The prospects of a gas famine which threatened Saturday were dispelled when the plant on South Eighth street was shut down for two hours Saturday due to the flood, managed to resume operations and store up a sufficient amount to meet anticipated needs.

## Laramie Boomerang

Founded by Bill Nye, Issues Last Edition

Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 30.—F. S. Burrage, editor and publisher of the Laramie Republican, announced today the purchase of the Laramie Boomerang, Wyoming's oldest newspaper, founded in 1881 by Edgar William (Bill) Nye. The paper will be merged, the name of the new publication being the Laramie Republican and the Boomerang issued its final edition today.

The merged publication will be independent in politics but will be served by the full leased wire service of the Associated Press, starting next Monday.

## Big Roll of Currency Found in Pocket of Man's Garment Donated to Charity

Discovered Among Clothing Collected by Lutheran Churches of Omaha to Be Sent to German Pastors; Owner Sought.

A large roll of currency, amounting to a considerable sum, is being held by Rev. O. D. Baltzy, pastor of Kountze Memorial church, awaiting a claimant who can establish ownership.

"There is enough in the package of money to build a house," the minister said, but he would not indicate the class of house.

The money was found in a pocket of a man's article of wearing apparel, before a collection of clothes from Omaha Lutheran churches was assembled and boxed last week, destined to destitute Lutheran ministers and their families in Germany.

The usual process of examination was observed before the clothes were

## Link in Longest Electric Power Line Completed

Hartington-Centerville Connection Is One of Last to Be Made in System.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Minneapolis, Sept. 30.—With the testing yesterday of a 60,000-volt electric transmission power line between Centerville, S. D., and Hartington, Neb., one of the final steps was taken to form a 700-mile arc of high tension lines—the longest in the United States, reaching from Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls, Wis., westward and southward through the twin cities, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Sioux City, Ia., to Omaha.

The Centerville-Hartington connection was installed by the Minnesota Electric Distributing company, which with the properties of the Tri-State Utilities company, is owned by W. B. Fosby & Co. of Minneapolis, investment brokers.

The 700-mile stretch of high voltage lines is the result of co-operation between the Minnesota Electric Distributing company, the Tri-State company, Northern States Power company, Sioux City Gas and Electric company and several other public utilities corporations.

The plan to connect the power lines of different companies has been worked out to equalize the distribution of electric power throughout this section of the northwest.

W. E. Fosby, president of the Fosby company, and H. H. Henley, president of the Minnesota Electric Distributing and Tri-State Utilities companies, declared the co-operative plan has been tried out in the east during the last year or two and is found to be satisfactory. The link formed by completing the Centerville-Hartington sector cost the Minnesota Electric Distributing company \$300,000 and furnishes power to a half dozen towns.

Only two more connections must be made before the 700-mile path from Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, O. to Omaha is completed. One of these is a 30-mile gap lying between Mountain Lake and Slayton, in southwestern Minnesota. The Northern States Power company hopes to have this connection made early in the spring. The other is a 40-mile stretch just south of Sioux City on the line to Omaha, now being built by the McGraw company of Sioux City. This will be completed before winter.

The extensive hook up is having the effect, Mr. Henley said, of providing cheaper power for scores of small towns throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. Under the program of extensions to be carried on by the Minnesota Electric Distributing and the Tri-State Utilities companies, several loop circuits through groups of towns are to be completed.

Heretofore power has been furnished by these companies to groups of towns, but the lines have been isolated and have never been joined through one circuit. The Minnesota Electric Distributing and the Tri-State Utilities companies now have 800 miles of transmission line and furnish current to 56 towns, according to Mr. Fosby.

In building the line from Centerville to Hartington, Mr. Henley said a difficult engineering feat was accomplished in spanning the Missouri river south of Gayville, S. D. At that point the river is 2,000 feet broad. Mr. Henley explained. One embankment rises 150 feet from the water, and the other is very low. "We had to build a pontoon bridge across the river to lay the three high tension wires upon it. Steel structures were built on each bank of the river and the lines drawn into the air from the pontoon bridge," he said.

## 4 More Victims Are Claimed by Storm in State

Lincoln and York Man Drowned in Flood—Two Killed in Twister Near Seneca.

Lincoln, Sept. 30.—The flood in Lincoln claimed its first victim when George E. Thompson, a garbage collector, was drowned in the West Lincoln bottoms. Thompson, 65 years old, mistaking his bearings over a water-covered roadway, drove his team into a deep ditch and was thrown into the current. A son and daughter saw him struggling but were unable to help him.

The flood in the bottoms was slowly receding tonight and with no more rain the danger is believed to be over. There were many narrow escapes last night and today while the water was at its height. Alfred J. Leatherman, a tourist, with his wife and four small children, were rescued from a perilous position in the tourist section of Antelope park. They were dragged and carried through a torrent seven feet deep. Glen Preston, former football star, and Edward Morrow swam through the current and carried the children to safety.

Drowned at York.

The damage in the city and suburbs cannot be measured until the water recedes. Conditions at the state penitentiary were improved tonight. Water still fills some of the basement rooms of the prison but the power plant, which went out of commission last night, has been restored.

More complete reports from sections of Nebraska devastated by the high winds and torrents of rain increase the death toll and estimates of property damage considerably.

Osman J. Dudek of York was drowned in the swollen waters of Lincoln creek when he slipped into a deep hole as he was returning to his automobile from a farmhouse, where he had telephoned for help in extricating his car from the mud.

Rancher Killed.

From Theford, Neb., came a delayed report that two were killed and two seriously injured by a tornado north of Seneca early Friday.

The dead were James Murray, 40 a rancher, and Mrs. Murray, 30, his youngest son, 3, and Bernard, 9, another son, were seriously injured. The four were at their ranch home when the tornado struck.

These four additional deaths brought the storm's toll in Nebraska to 28 persons. Serious injuries to other persons which may result in deaths and the possibility that still other fatalities may be discovered may increase the list, however.

Blue River Rising.

The Blue river at Beatrice was reported still rising last night. The city wells at Zimmerman Springs caved in as a result of the high water of the river, making the water unfit for consumption.

Advices from Crete were to the effect that the river had become stationary after rising to a level of 76 inches over the dam there. This is the highest in the town's history. The two river bridges at Crete are closed to traffic.

It was again raining north and west of Beatrice up the valley last night, indicating the possibility of still higher water in Beatrice.

At Barneston, 25 miles down the valley from Beatrice, it was reported at the Beatrice Power company's plant there, that the river was still rising. It had risen 11 feet within 24 hours there.

Reports from Lincoln state that the bottoms of the capital city are under four feet of water over an area of water of three miles. In some sections the water in this district runs so rapidly that many families were prepared to flee on a moment's notice. Five feet of water was standing in the basement of the new capitol building Saturday morning. Engineers stated it will require two days to pump this water out.

Corn Is Damaged.

From Columbus comes the report that high winds have flattened the corn, and that rain has washed the corn in many fields out by the roots. The report from Columbus continues: "Windmills have been blown away. North of Humphrey a heavy gust of wind swept through a section of the county tearing down wires and

## Rising Water Halts Rescue of Wreck Victims

No Bodies Are Found in Chair Car of Burlington Train That Crashed Through Wyoming Bridge.

Casper, Wyo., Sept. 30.—Rising water in Colorado creek at the site of the Burlington railroad accident Thursday night in which 25 to 40 persons are believed to have lost their lives, broke over the temporary dikes which were erected by crews in their attempt to recover bodies and further hampered the work of digging out the four buried cars early this morning.

Although there is much speculation as to the number of persons who perished in the four cars that now are imbedded in the mud and sand in the creek, the estimates continue to range between 20 and 40. The chair car was reached today, but no bodies were found in it. The engine was also located.

Greybull, Wyo., Sept. 30.—Property damage approaching \$100,000 was caused by the flood which swept down the Big Horn river Saturday noon and reached its maximum in this city this afternoon. Water ran from one to four feet deep through an area covering about three-fourths of the residential district of the town and six city blocks still remain inundated, in spite of the recession of the water, which began late this afternoon.

Basements of about three-fourths of the houses of the town are filled with the flood water and between 200 and 300 persons have been made temporarily homeless as a result of the deluge. All persons who were trapped in their homes have been removed to safety and there has been no loss of life.

## Bartherhoods Mum on Bryan Support

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 30.—Reports from Omaha that the Lincoln railroad bartherhoods would endorse Gov. Charles W. Bryan should be verified for present could not be decided here tonight.

While the bartherhoods supported the governor in the gubernatorial campaign they have made no definite statement as to whether they would take should he decide to try for higher honor. Officials of the bartherhoods when asked if the question would be discussed at a regular meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, would give no opinion.

Since the announcement a week ago that a boom was developing for Bryan in the east nothing further has been heard here. The governor, when directly questioned as to whether or not he would make the race, laughingly replied that he was hardly in a position to answer such a question.

"Trusty" Convict Speeder Tries to Run Over Officer

Salem, Ore., Sept. 30.—W. M. Crosby, a convict trusty from the Oregon state penitentiary, was lodged in the jail today to answer three traffic violation charges growing out of his manipulation of one of the prison trucks on a principal street here.

## Third Victim Dies After Train Hits Automobile

Nebraska City, Sept. 30.—Clifford Willets, 10, died shortly after noon today from injuries sustained when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Missouri Pacific train near here late Saturday.

His mother and a younger brother were instantly killed in the accident, and two other brothers are in a hospital, one of them seriously injured. The family was returning from a visit to Sloan, Ia.

## Oklahoma Is Still Under Martial Law

This is the beautiful state capital of Oklahoma, in Oklahoma City, where the state legislature was prevented from assembling by the military, under orders from Governor J. C. Walton, when they tried to impeach him for his actions in his war on the Ku Klux Klan. D. A. Stovall, a prominent member of the legislature, was the leading spirit in the committee of three, which issued the call for the special session. Buck Garrett, picturesque fighting plains-



man and former partner of Bud Bell, famous Oklahoma sheriff and two-gun man, who was killed some time ago, is in command of 20 separate men, who form a personal bodyguard for Governor Walton.

## Train Hits Auto; 2 Dead; 2 Hurt

Nebraska City, Sept. 29.—Two persons were killed and two injured, probably fatally, in a railroad crossing accident one and a half miles northwest here Saturday evening at 5:30.

Mrs. Lulu Willets, 42, of Sloan, Ia., and her son, Everett, 6, are the dead.

They were killed almost instantly when their car was struck by Missouri Pacific train No. 108, the Kansas City flyer, southbound.

Lloyd Willets, 3, and his brother, Clifford, 10, received serious injuries; Lloyd a fractured skull and Clifford internal injuries. Both may die before dawn, Nebraska City doctors said.

Leonard Willets, 21, who was driving the car, was badly bruised, but not seriously injured. The Willets family was on its way to its home at Sloan, Ia. from Richmond, Mo. Raymond Willets, a brother, with his wife and three children, preceded Mrs. Willets and her son in another car. They had crossed the track safely ahead of the train.

## Jail System Is Far From Ideal, Minister Says

Dr. MacNeill Shoots Queries From Pulpit for Sheriff to Answer—Suggests Remedy.

Five questions were fired at Sheriff Mike Endres from the Grace Baptist church pulpit Sunday by Rev. W. E. MacNeill. They are:

"Are any innocent witnesses being kept in the jail whose testimony is wanted by the prosecutor?"

"Are any insane kept there overnight?"

"Are there any prisoners in the jail who have been there three months or over awaiting trial?"

"Do prisoners have anything to keep them busy?"

"You will very probably find that much of what is suggested here exists," said the Rev. Mr. MacNeill. "You will learn, too, that the county jail system of the county isn't at all ideal, and the Douglas county jail is as good as any. But that is a reason why we should go on playing the devil's game. Why not use this ripe opportunity for suggesting changes that will give the county leadership in the daily menu and if the investigation confirms it then no one can justly complain about the food—it is certainly much better than the bread and water of other days. Furthermore the sheriff states that the cause of the trouble was a general condition of discontent and it has all the earmarks of the truth."

"Of course if people are to make trouble it is better that they do it inside the jail than outside. And that is just the point. Are there causes for discontent that will turn the prisoners out of the jail into society many times more than what they went in? This is an opportune time to discuss the elements of prison science and to further the movement for reform that will be fairer to society at large."

## Tax Bill Is Doubled in 10 Years; \$60,858,461 Total Paid in 1922

Average Per Capita Revenue Collected From Nebraskans Last Year Was \$46.02, Federal Report Shows—Public Debt Gains 166 Per Cent

Washington, Sept. 29.—The Department of Commerce makes the following announcement of the principal financial statistics for Nebraska, the counties, and for all cities, towns, or other subdivisions of that state having power to incur debt, collect revenue, and assess and levy taxes for 1922, with comparisons with figures for 10 years ago.

The specified revenues include general property taxes, special taxes, poll taxes, licenses and permits, and special assessments. The revenues collected from these sources for the state and for all subdivisions of the state amounted to \$60,858,461, or an average of \$46.02 for each person in the state. The total was made up of \$44,324,322, general taxes; \$29,182, special taxes; \$387,901, poll taxes; \$2,955,983, licenses and permits, and \$2,870,073, special assessments for improvements.

In 1912 statistics on revenues were not collected for incorporated places with a population of less than 2,500 and for certain other subdivisions, but the table which follows shows revenues in a comparable form for the state, counties, and incorporated places having over 2,500 population. There was an increase of 110 per cent for the civil divisions for which comparable data were available.

State and Subdivisions	1912	1922	Per cent of increase 1912 to 1922
Specified revenues	\$30,331,114,459	\$110,577,812,089	376.65
General property taxes	25,184,123,195	97,748,983,543	388.54
Special taxes	320,137,134	163,157,157	50.44
Poll taxes	237,290,119	196,411	82.86
Licenses and permits	2,955,983	1,183,127	40.02
Special assessments	1,908,744	156,198	8.19

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State and subdivisions of state	\$97,819,336,745	\$326,745,166	334.00
State	1,160,374	210,136	18.11
Counties	8,757,370	3,706,136	42.33
All other subdivisions (include cities, towns, townships, school districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, sanitary districts, road districts, and all other)	87,902,322,665	32,665,166	37.16

Assessed Valuation and Tax Levies of State, Counties, Cities, Towns, and All Other Subdivisions.	1912	1922	Per cent of increase 1912 to 1922
Assessed valuation of all property	\$3,202,839,000	\$463,372,000	144.68
Per capita assessed valuation of all property	2,422.17	376.77	15.56
Assessed valuation of real property and improvement	2,280,037,000	319,050,000	13.99
Total levies of general property taxes	52,993,000	19,781,000	37.32
Per capita levies of general property taxes	40.08	16.04	40.02
Average rate per \$100 of assessed valuation	1.65	4.27	258.19

## 8 Conventions Will Meet Here During October

Omaha will be host to eight conventions during October. The teachers' convention the latter part of the month will attract the largest number of visitors.

The Nebraska Master Barbers will meet the first three days of the month, with headquarters at the Hotel Castle.

October 8 to 12 the technical division of the National Electric Light association will meet at the Hotel Fontenelle.

The Nebraska Baptists' State convention will occupy a week starting October 13.

The Nebraska Forestry association will hold a one-day meeting, October 20.

October 24 and 25 the Nebraska State Bankers' association will gather for their annual convention.

The American Institute of Architects will be here for two days, October 26 and 27 with headquarters at the Hotel Fontenelle.

District 2, Nebraska State Teachers' association, will hold a three-day

## Lightning Destroys New Schoolhouse Near Monroe

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 30.—Postville new school house near Monroe was completely destroyed by fire resulting from a bolt of lightning which struck it during an electrical storm. The school house was one of the model standard schools of the county and was dedicated in February, 1921.

Some families living along the river were forced to move to higher ground last night. The stream is 11 feet higher than normal and is the highest it has been since 1901.

## Blue River Subsiding

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 30.—The Blue river a this point began falling at 4:15 this morning and a now eight inches lower than last night, when rains up the valley caused a steady rise. The lowlands north and south of here are submerged. There will be much damage to farm property.

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## Death List Mounts to 22

The death toll of the storm in Nebraska and Council Bluffs has reached 22.

Twelve persons were drowned in the cloudburst Friday night at Louisville, Neb.

Fatalities in Council Bluffs mounted to six last night, with the death of a 12-year-old girl, who was injured when her home was demolished Friday night.

Two persons, a rancher and his wife, were killed by a twister near Seneca, Neb.

One man was drowned at York and one man was drowned at Lincoln.

## Governor Will Halt Election

Full Strength of National Guard, 22,000 Special Police and 75,000 Volunteers Are Ordered Mobilized.

Possibility of Bloodshed

By Universal Service.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 30.—The gravest crisis which Oklahoma has faced during the turbulent days of martial law, since Gov. J. C. Walton declared war on the invisible empire, swept across the state tonight, when the governor ordered mobilized every force at his command, military and civilian, to enforce his proclamation halting Tuesday's special election.

He called to arms the full strength of the Oklahoma National Guard, 5,000 officers and men, and ordered numerous detachments to strategic points in the state.

He ordered to duty every man of his 22,000 special police so as to blanket the state and forbid opening of the polls. This force he calls his "minute men."

He issued a call to 75,000 volunteer citizen soldiers he claims he has drawn to his cause and colors.

He is going to stop at all costs any effort at holding the election, he told correspondents at the executive mansion late today, and when he spoke it was as if a field marshal were marshaling his forces for battle.

The governor does not plan to use the military to stop the election, unless there is a riot.

"The constitution does not give me that right," he explained.

"But my minute men will stop it. The polls will open. If there is a riot, then I will throw the military into action."

"There may be bloodshed," the governor said. "I dread to see it. But there may be, in order to preserve our constitution. If there is bloodshed, it will lie at the doors of the Klan-kept press."

Governor Walton then charged that five newspapers in the state were responsible for the present turbulent situation.

"If it had not been that other newspapers throughout the United States would have misunderstood my motive and could not have known my provocation. I would have put a lock on those newspaper plants long ago and thrown the key in the river," he declared. "Then there would not have been any trouble."

The governor attributes all resistance to his policies to the Ku Klux Klan. He was more aroused tonight than at any time since he began "his fight to a finish" on the invisible empire. There was the biting ring of hatred in his words.

"I have gone too far," he declared. "I dread to see it. But they have ruined my fine constitutional measures, the things I built my campaign on. There can be no election now. It is invalidated."

"They tried to run in initiative bill No. 79. They held up the election, waiting in the courts until the last minute to get a ruling on the people what the measure meant, and now they shall not vote."

"Whom do you mean by 'they,' governor?" he was asked.

"That lawless gang in the Klan and the Klan press," he replied.

Governor Walton then fixed his gray eyes on the correspondents, beat his left palm with his right fist and thundered a warning to Oklahoma that martial law will be clamped down so tight it will stifle the state, if opposition persists.

"I've been pretty nice to these fellows compared to what I can be," he said. "But they've gone far enough. About one more shot from me and I'll clamp martial law down on them and their cohorts."

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## The Weather

Highest, 74; lowest, 43; mean, 70; normal, 61.04; excess, 9.96; JANUARY 1-23.

Relative Humidity, Percentage.

7 a. m., 87; Noon 78; 7 p. m., 85.

Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.

Total, 12.76; total since January 1, 39.33; excess, 4.11.

Hourly Temperatures.

7 a. m.	63	1 p. m.	72
8 a. m.	64	2 p. m.	72
9 a. m.	65	3 p. m.	71
10 a. m.	65	4 p. m.	71
11 a. m.	65	5 p. m.	68
12 noon	71	6 p. m.	68