

RAINMAKING IN 1892.

Grand Island's Experience With "Prof. Melbourne Recalled by the Independent.

The generally dry conditions at present about Grand Island has awakened some reminiscences of the dry years of 1892-94, when "rainmakers" were in demand.

"This was in August of 1892. Melbourne came. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. Some of the subscriptions were withdrawn but the balance was guaranteed to Melbourne by a local committee.

"He said he would have to have the highest cupola in the city. He selected the Palmer house. He stayed right with the cupola. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, not a sign of rain. The air was dry. The nights were cool enough.

"No one of course expected anything for the first day. But the second day everyone kept scanning the horizon. Not a cloud appeared. The committee became more and more interested as to what Melbourne was doing—his method of controlling the atmospheric properties in a manner that moisture should descend upon parched and by this time almost barren earth.

"E. C. Hoekenberger and Al Rooser decided to find out. They procured the strongest field glasses they could find and across the edge of the front of the Security building they watched the professor in his room in the dome of the Palmer.

Madison county's mortgage record for May is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 10, \$13,025; released, 27, \$25,301.30; city mortgages filed, 36, \$16,085.30; released, 25, \$14,115.55; chattel mortgages filed, 73, \$19,936.32; released, 42, \$30,904.72.

A small son of Thomas Garman, who lives near Ponca, while playing about the place recently crawled into a pig pen. The boy got between the old sow and her pigs and she attacked him in a vicious manner. Before the child could be rescued he was seriously though not fatally injured.

An opportune rain Monday night and some showers again last night has set aside all apprehension of a drought in this vicinity for some time. Aided by the warm weather, vegetation has made a wonderful showing of growth during the past few days and prospects for an abundant harvest are splendid.

D. H. Cronin of O'Neill Frontier writes to correct a statement in THE NEWS regarding smallpox at that place. He says: "There was one case here a week ago Monday and the patient was removed to the country, about three miles from town. There are no cases in O'Neill now, nor in the country."

The rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was given at .07 of an inch, whereas it should have been .70 of an inch, making a total precipitation since the beginning of the month of three-quarters of an inch. If the weather clerk continues to thus favor June there will be no lack of moisture during the month.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Miss McNish was a passenger for Omaha today.

J. H. Peats of Wakefield spent the night in Norfolk.

J. McCallum of Genoa was a Norfolk guest over night.

Mrs. Welch was a city visitor from Wayne yesterday.

H. J. Hill was a Norfolk visitor over night from Monroe.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney returned to Omaha this afternoon.

Mrs. P. F. Sprecher was a passenger to Pierce this afternoon.

J. L. Devine of Wayne had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Peter O'Shea of Humphrey was in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. J. J. Williams of Wayne was in the Sugar City yesterday.

J. R. Campbell was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Columbus.

Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Teal returned last night from a visit to friends in Omaha.

M. D. Tyler transacted legal business in Madison yesterday, returning last night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dunlevy and E. W. Hall were in the city yesterday from Tilden.

Mrs. L. Sessions and Mrs. G. W. Reckard drove to Pierce today to visit Mrs. J. C. Morey.

Andrew Viele and family departed last night for Deadwood, S. D., for a few weeks' visit.

E. M. Norton came home yesterday from Lusk, Wyo., where he has been installing acetylene gas plants.

Mrs. Geo. H. Spear and daughter, Miss Grace, left this morning for

Columbus, where they will visit about a month.

Miss Kate V. Mitchell left this morning for Dubuque, Iowa, where she will enter the convent and join the Sisters of Charity of the B. V. M.

Col. S. W. Hayes, J. B. Maynard and G. T. Sprecher are in Omaha attending a session of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M., representing the Norfolk lodge.

W. H. Johnson and son Harlan are in Madison, where they are assisting in transferring the Schavland-Johnson stock of goods to a store room in the opera house block.

During the last two weeks Geo. H. Spear has placed for sale over 8,000 tickets on the Auditorium. The sale is progressing nicely and the prospects are for an early drawing.

W. C. Howell, traveling freight agent of the C. St. P., M. & O. railway, enjoyed a good night's rest in the city and interviewed shippers in regard to business for his road.

Mr. Storm, representing the Armour Packing company of Omaha has just returned from a trip west and is highly elated with the outlook for business in that portion of the state.

Captain Sebastian of the Salvation Army announces that Ensign T. H. Harrison of Omaha will be here Thursday and Friday and will conduct meetings in the Army barracks.

Work on the millrace for the Stanton Water Power company is well advanced and the dam across the Elkhorn will be constructed in July, all work to be completed and the new mill ready for operation by August 1.

W. S. Wyckoff, who has been sick for some time with dropsy and heart trouble, left yesterday for Tekamah to take osteopathic treatment. He was accompanied by his wife. They formerly lived there and have friends in the town.

Commencement exercises of the Stanton High school were held Saturday night, when the largest class in the history of the schools graduated. The class consisted of six girls and five boys. Rev. Trefz of Omaha delivered an address.

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The Evening Independent of Deadwood, S. D., says: "Ira Hungerford will tomorrow morning, June 1st, take position as business manager of the Evening Independent. Mr. Hungerford is an experienced newspaper man, who has the reputation of being persistent from daylight until dark in looking after the advertiser and mutually promoting the upbuilding of business, both for his paper and its patrons. Any courtesy shown him by the friends of the Independent will be appreciated."

During the storm last night lightning struck the residence of M. D. Tyler on West Norfolk avenue. The fluid took effect on one of the peaks of the roof and but slight damage was done. The weather editor has figured it out that the brilliant color of Mr. Tyler's home aroused the enmity of the storm king and he at once resolved to send a few

forked jabs of his scarlet hood and sudden messenger of the greased quality to exterminate the dwelling. The house color was the strongest, however, and successfully turned the shock, or the building would have been a mass of ruins this morning. Mr. Tyler now announces that the color will be immediately changed to black, as he does not want to take any more chances.

The new machinery at the electric light station was given quite a propitious start last evening although there yet remains considerable to be done before the system is in first class working order. A number of connections, among them the street arc lights, were not made last evening and accordingly there was darkness in places last night. When the steam was turned on the engine it moved off with a smoothness and regularity that could scarcely have been improved upon by a month's trial. The turning of the big belt wheel and movement of the large engine was a sight that attracted many spectators during the evening. Manager Patterson personally supervised the start of the machinery and was highly gratified with the showing made.

MADISON. Geo. H. Spear of Norfolk was in town Wednesday.

John Dinsen of Columbus spent Sunday in Madison.

Mrs. Steckelberg of Lincoln is visiting friends here.

J. F. and Ira Jenkins were over from Battle Creek Monday.

Jas. Nichols is expected home from Manhattan, Kansas, this week.

Mrs. C. H. Swallow of Humphrey is spending the week with relatives.

H. M. Winslow, and old resident and stock man of Columbus was in town Saturday.

Homer Sumption of Sheridan, Wyoming, visited relatives and friends a few days this week.

Eugene Best, chief cook at the Turf Exchange in Norfolk, spent part of the week in Madison.

C. W. Wallace has finished his school work at Leigh, and will be in Madison for a few weeks.

W. L. Dowling is assisting the county clerk in preparing the assessors' books for equalization.

The work on John Scheler's meat market is progressing finely since they were able to obtain brick.

Chr. Schavland was a passenger for Omaha Monday. C. W. Wallace is taking care of his office during his absence.

O. A. Coons is recovering from the smallpox and no further cases yet reported. It is thought there will be no further spread of the disease.

The board of county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization next Tuesday, June 11, instead of June 4, as stated in THE NEWS of Monday.

Decorations day was fittingly observed in Madison Rev. Morning made the address at G. A. R. hall. All business houses were closed during the afternoon.

The case of state vs. Sam Dunn, on complaint of S. B. Lyon, on trial before Squire Richardson Monday, was dismissed at the cost of complaining witness, the evidence not being sufficient to warrant binding the defendant over to district court.

The Schavland-Johnson Co. and Johnson & Olson Co. began Monday evening to exchange locations. The work was completed Tuesday night at about 12 o'clock but the matter of arranging goods in each store will yet require considerable time.

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C. A. Beech of Milford was a Norfolk visitor over night.

R. M. Smith was in the city yesterday from Osmond.

E. R. Gurney was in Norfolk from Winside yesterday.

L. E. Carscallen was in the metropolis yesterday from Tilden.

C. P. Parish was a passenger for Omaha this morning on business.

Miss Gretchen Klentz returned to Plainview this noon after a short visit at home.

Manager J. N. Bundick of the sugar factory went to Omaha on business this morning.

Mrs. M. E. Holden and Miss Florence Holden came in from Omaha yesterday for an extended visit at the home of their son and brother, Dr. H. T. Holden.

The Ladies guild of Trinity church will hold a special meeting with Mrs. Leonard tomorrow. Members are asked to come prepared to do sewing.

Oakdale beat Stanton by a score of 20 to 5 in a hotly contested ball game at the latter place Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Leidy of Oakdale was the umpire.

The name of the young lady who went to Dubuque to enter a convent was Miss Kate V. McNeill, instead of Miss Kate Mitchell, as published last evening.

Superintendent O'Connor will be one of the instructors at the Platte county teachers' institute, which begins in Columbus next Monday and will continue five days.

Wednesday's Omaha Bee: S. W. Hayes of Norfolk, dean of the Nebraska Masons, is an Iler guest. Mr. Hayes is 82 years of age, but lively, and expects to attend Masonic gatherings for years to come.

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Medical Opinion in regard to Dr. A. H. Keller's Sylvan-Ozone.

An editor of a medical journal writes as follows: "Dr. A. H. Keller's Sylvan-Ozone offered by the Dr. A. H. Keller Chemical Company as a cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Coughs, Colds and all diseases of the air passages. This we know to be a genuine specific for these complaints, and as such, entitled to our confidence and that of our readers."

"Close examination into the practical results which have been had from the use of this remedy has caused us to endorse it as being an undoubted cure for the above ailments, effectual in removing the exciting cause in a number of attacks which had been of the severest and most tedious character. Dr. A. H. Keller's Sylvan-Ozone permanently restored health, and in cases which were of a milder description its use immediately afforded relief."

learning. Studies in which she was especially interested are European history and the dead languages. She was honored this year by having her thesis published in the University Bulletin.

The weekly crop bulletin issued by the university of Nebraska for the week ending June 3, does not indicate as favorable conditions as that of the preceding week, there being less than an inch of rain in any part of the state.

This week's weather will, however, prove more favorable as there was quite a general rain. The report for this and adjoining counties is as follows: Madison—Small grain needs rain; corn up and a good stand, cultivation begun; large acreage being sown to sugar cane.

Antelope—Small grain growing nicely; alfalfa nearly ready to cut; fruit dropping badly; corn cultivation began.

Boone—Corn coming up well; wheat contains many yellow spots; oats thin; alfalfa good; potatoes growing well.

Pierce—Small grain doing finely; pastures good; corn up and cultivation in progress. Platte—Small grain generally looks well, but needs rain; late corn coming up unevenly, early planted growing slowly.

Stanton—Small grain doing fairly well, but rain would be beneficial.

WARNEVILLE. Bert Lyons went to South Omaha, Monday, with a carload of fat cattle.

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One object of the institute will be to organize for the association work of the next year. This is one of the most important objects of the institute. So large a portion of the teaching force is composed of young, inexperienced teachers, each year, that it is very necessary that the monthly associations or reading circles be continued and that these young teachers be given all the aid, and assistance possible by the counsel and association of those more experienced.

Sixty-five per cent of all the teachers that have taught in Madison county the past fifteen years have taught two years or less.

Respectfully, C. W. CRUM, County Superintendent.

An Extract from Her Letter:

"If you could only be here this winter morning and see for yourself you would no longer doubt me. Roses are blooming in our front yard and all nature is as far advanced in this lovely American summerland as it will be in your cold eastern home by June."

"We made the journey from Missouri river to the Golden Gate on the Union Pacific to avoid the circuitous routes—an important item in the winter. A trip to California is made delightful by the perfect service and luxurious accommodation of The Overland Limited, which is perhaps the most finely equipped train in the world."

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Pan-American Exposition Excursion Rates.

Excursion tickets will be sold by the F. E. & M. V. (Northwestern line) on May 6, 13, 20, 27 and 28 with a return limit of 7 days at \$30.55 via standard and \$29.01 via differential lines.

Every day until September 30 with return limit of 15 days, at \$38.30 via standard and \$36.30 via differential lines.

Every day from May 15 to September 30 good for return until October 31, at \$47.75 via standard and \$45.35 via differential lines.

Full particulars will be cheerfully furnished all inquirers. H. C. MATRAU, Agent.

Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln. An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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