

A BLUSTERING BLIZZARD.

February Retires With Stormy Strenuosity.

TRAINS ARE INTERFERED WITH

Storm Was General Throughout the State—Temperature is Subjected to Violent Change and Snow is Drifted.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

February has certainly done a liberal share toward redeeming the record of the passing winter as a breeder of blustering blizzards. The early part of the winter passed without anything that was distinctly entitled to be characterized as a blizzard. January showed no inclination to change the record, but February, from first to last, has been all that could be asked for in that particular, and not of the least has been the blizzard that swooped down upon the country last evening and has clutched it in icy thralldom since.

When Boreas first spoke yesterday afternoon he did it gently, almost caressingly, but during the night he lashed himself into a raging fury that shook buildings to their foundations and would cause the cold shivers to chase up and down the spine of a stick of cord wood in a blazing fireplace.

The storm was accompanied by snow during the greater portion of the night, but this morning the clouds broke away, and while the wind continued to howl and rage, the sun smiled down upon the scene rather cheerfully.

During the ten hours of the storm the mercury was reduced from a point above freezing to two degrees above zero. Today, in spite of the wind, the sun exerted a counter influence, and protected spots showed signs of thawing.

Unprotected stock suffered intensely and people struggled against the storm most desperately. The particles of snow stung keenly on exposed portions of a person and the moisture gathered and froze on faces until it was almost impossible to see or breathe. The snow was whipped into drifts, making pedestrianism doubly fatiguing and embarrassing, especially for women. The mild weather preceding the freeze and the moisture left the streets rough and almost impassable.

Thus far no large damage from the wind and storm has been reported in this vicinity, but the running time of the trains has been materially interfered with. Up the Bonesteel branch of the Elkhorn the storm was furious and the train which should have been in Norfolk at 6 o'clock this morning was held for daylight and did not arrive until after noon.

The trains from the east and west on the main line of the Elkhorn were each delayed an hour or more, and the Union Pacific trains were interfered with to the extent of delaying them several hours. The morning train over the M. & O. from Sioux City was about on time, approaching the nearest to schedule of any of them.

People are now hoping that this has been the dying convulsion of winter and that with the dawn of March, weather approaching springlike may be introduced. A windy February should remove some of the obligations of March in that particular, and it is hoped that it will.

Telegrams from central and western Nebraska towns say a heavy blanket of snow covers the whole region. The fall in eastern Nebraska was light, and it melted as it fell, but further west it is the heaviest of the winter, from ten to fifteen inches on the level. In the cattle country a blizzard prevails. A dispatch from Ainsworth says:

A severe snowstorm has been raging here for twenty-four hours. The wind is blowing from the northwest, and all traffic is suspended. Much suffering among stock is reported from nearby ranches, and the loss of range cattle will be large. The temperature is steadily falling.

A special from Springview says: The worst blizzard of the winter is raging here. The wind is blowing a hurricane and the snow is drifting in fields and canyons, making the roads impassable. It is feared ranchmen will suffer heavy losses in stock. The weather tonight is growing very cold.

POWER BEHIND THE THRONE.

Several Theatre Parties and a Good House Enjoyed the Entertainment.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The box occupied by Miss Angie Wilkinson and her party of friends from South Norfolk at the Auditorium last evening, was nicely decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, while a large flag was draped above and national colors below. The entrance was draped with portiere and the effect with the charming young ladies in handsome gowns as a central feature was highly pleasing. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the party.

A large party of South Norfolk people occupied the southeast corner of the parquet, immediately contingent to the boxes and their pleasure in watching the play and the box party was scarcely less than that of the favored contestant and her friends. It was a South Norfolk victory over the up-town folks and their pride in the winning candidate and the success of the efforts of her friends was evident.

E. J. Danny, who leaves tomorrow for Wymore, entertained the Bachelor Girls at a farewell theatre party last

evening. Tonight Miss Edith Morrow will entertain those who composed the theatre party and Mr. Denny at a party at her home in The Heights.

Katherine Willard and her company in "The Power Behind the Throne" met with great favor on the part of Norfolk theatre goers at the Auditorium last night. With the shrill shrieking and howling of the storm outside, the plot of the play, interestingly unfolded and the scenes were safely passed to the scene where matters were adjusted satisfactorily to the hero, heroine and their suffering friends and to the discomfiture of their enemies. Miss Willard's work, in view of the fact that she is such a dainty mite, is surprising. It requires strength and energy that would seem to be beyond her, and yet she carries off the honors with grace and dignity. Her support was excellent, each being fully competent to the requirements of the play. Deserving of especial mention were Wright Lorimer as Baron Von Hoherlobe, Richard Nesmith as Keller the president's secretary, and Maude Durand as the Duchess Von Waldheim, "the power behind the throne." The costuming was clever and the scenic and lighting effects fine. The plot of the production is founded on Schiller's classic, "Love and Intrigue." Katherine Willard portrays the character of Aria, daughter of a court musician. The scene is laid in an Austrian province in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and the story tells of the intrigues of the rival factions in the petty court to obtain ascendancy over the reigning prince. "Aria" is loved by a young baron, and a scheming duchess who is infatuated with him, plots to secure his hand. The weakest point of the entertainment is its exaggerations. People do not even wonder how such things could be, they are so utterly impossible. The good and virtuous are represented at one extreme and the villainous plotters at the other. It is too impossible, even for the time represented; nevertheless the interest of an audience is held throughout, marveling at the artist's ingenuity in weaving the plot.

GIVEN UP HOPE.

Gottlieb Niegenfind Expects to be Hung on the 13th.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Gottlieb Niegenfind, who is at the penitentiary under a death sentence, which will be carried out March 13, is making no effort to gain his freedom, and is apparently resigned to his fate. He only hopes for the man is to appeal to the supreme court. He wrote a letter to his brother Sunday which follows:

—Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lancaster, Neb., March 1, 1903.—Rudolph Niegenfind, Green River, Sweetwater County, Wyoming.—Dear Brother Rudolph: Olga wrote and said you wrote two times and haven't received any answer. I wrote one letter to you and that one you got and also answered it. You write that your wife is sick, but I hope she is getting better. I am all right, I feel like a king, healthy and well, plenty to eat and to drink and good service, and what does one want more in this world?

I hope to hear from you again before my time is up—the 13th of March. I hope you will remain well. I am all right.

Now I will close, dear brother and sister-in-law; remain well and do not let my death make you sorrowful.

GOTTLIEB NIEGENFIND.

Therefore, good night to you all. Amen.

The letter is in German, and is well written. Sunday Gottlieb took a bath and remarked to the attendant that it would be his last.

All his actions tend to show that he has given up all hope.

Chris. Kummertz Dead.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Chris. Kummertz died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at his home south of the Pacific hotel, and the funeral was held this afternoon, at 2 o'clock from the house and at 2:30 from Christ Lutheran church. The immediate cause of his death was dropsy of the lungs.

Mr. Kummertz was born in Germany 60 years ago the 12th of January. He came to this country 29 years ago and located at Humphrey. Eleven years ago in April he moved to Norfolk with his family, taking charge of the boarding house in which his death occurred. Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters, one step daughter and a step-son, to mourn his death. Three of the daughters are married and all the children live here except one daughter, Mrs. Bieberstein, whose home is in Lincoln. She was summoned home however, when her father's condition became serious and will remain until after the funeral.

MRS. AMES TAKES A HAND.

Wife of Former Mayor Denounces Enemies of Her Husband.

Hancock, N. H., March 4.—Former Mayor Albert A. Ames of Minneapolis, who is here awaiting the result of extradition proceedings, said in the course of an interview:

"I am perfectly willing to go back and face the charges, but I really do not feel able. I know that I am not strong enough to stand the journey, and the physicians advise against it. I am perfectly innocent. I know they cannot prove any of these charges, which are due to politics, and you know what that means."

"It is persecution," interrupted Mrs. Ames, indignantly. "They simply want to injure the doctor. They want to get him out of the way."

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN

Elkhorn Becomes Part of That Road Tomorrow.

NO CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

Will be Known as the Nebraska and Wyoming Division—"District" Headquarters Continue at Fremont, Norfolk and Chadron.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

General Manager Bidwell yesterday issued further details concerning the operation of the Elkhorn under the new regime as the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, which takes place tomorrow. The announcement is as follows:

The rumor that the subdivisions of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad are to be changed is erroneous. The property will be operated substantially as heretofore. The three operating divisions, with headquarters and superintendents at Fremont, Norfolk and Chadron, respectively, will continue as "districts" of the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, instead of "divisions" of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad. The managing, legal, engineering, traffic and operating departments will all retain the same headquarters in Omaha as heretofore.

A circular issued by Marvin Houghton, jr., freight traffic manager of the North western, outlines the following as the traffic policy of the division:

All traffic between stations and to and from stations on the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway will be waybilled according to the rules and regulations, tariffs and circulars issued prior to March 1, 1903, by the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, until said rules and regulations, tariffs and circulars are canceled by the Chicago & Northwestern railway.

REVENUE REVISION.

Legislature Still Wrestling With the Bill.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Lincoln, March 3.—Special Correspondence: The past week has been a busy one with the legislature, in spite of the fact that the new revenue bill has not come up for regular discussion. Pending the printing of the bill, which is a long job, one of the new type-written copies was turned over to the regular revenue committee of the house for consideration. The printed bills being now ready, a lively discussion on the floor of the house is expected this week.

Up to the present time the principal objection to the terms of the new bill comes from stock feeders who want the property ownership date changed from February 1 to March 1, frankly acknowledging that the early date will catch them before they have disposed of a considerable part of their property. There is also some little objection to the county assessor system, and one or two members favor the election of the deputy assessors. Some members of the regular revenue committee suggest that the county assessor should be permitted to appoint the deputies without the confirmation of the county commissioners. It is generally believed, however, that the bill if it is passed will be in practically its original form.

The telephone hearings and investigations have been continued during the week, but it is hard to tell what real progress has been made. The bill permitting independent companies to establish toll stations in the large cities has at last reached the general file, and will soon come up for discussion in committee of the whole.

The agitation over the elevator bills, has quieted down after the hearings before the committees, and the bill has gone to the general file, with an amendment added by the standing committee that the new elevators must have cost at least \$5,000 before they can compel the building of a side track. Both sides seem to be fairly well satisfied with this compromise.

There are now three bills in for the reduction in the number of judicial districts, differing slightly in the make-up of some of the districts. The intention of each is to cut down the expense in this department by lopping off a number of judges and reporters.

A bill is in the senate for the appointment of a state accountant at a salary of \$2,000 a year, whose duty it will be to oversee the systems of bookkeeping in the various state departments and institutions, and provide for uniformity. Heretofore there has been an entire lack of system in some of the institutions, and without doubt the state has lost much money because of lax methods.

Another senate bill is No. 303, requiring school officers to file an estimate of expenses for the coming year, and making it illegal to use money for purposes other than named in the estimate. The bill is calculated to stop extravagance and misappropriation of funds.

The inevitable joint resolution asking for the dismissal of the suits against the Bartley bondsmen has been presented, and without doubt will provoke much discussion. The bondsmen agree to pay the costs of suit if they are released from paying the judgments. Such a release would enable those of them who have their property covered up to begin to operate again in their own names.

Stock Citizenship.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

Perry Frank, who has been a resident of what is now Antelope county for the past thirty-three years, was a Tilden

visitor on Tuesday. In a conversation with the writer he told of the organization of the county and the episode is worth printing as an instance of frontier crudity. It seems that at that time a population of sixteen voters was necessary in any territory aspiring to recognition as an organized county, but that the tract of prairie 24 by 36 miles was hopelessly short one of the required number. However, fifteen bona fide settlers were resourceful and found a way out of the difficulty. A law, or custom, or fable, no matter which, established a man's residence at the place where his washing was done and the fifteen Antelopes prevailed on Charley Mathewson, of Norfolk, to send a pair of dirty socks to Trask's house for the necessary cleansing. When the day for organization arrived the owner of the socks was borrowed from Madison county, fully fortified to make good his claim to residence, and Antelope county was added to the map of Nebraska.—Tilden Citizen.

VOTED TO BONESTEEL.

County Seat Fight of Gregory County Results in Removal.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Bonesteel, S. D., Feb. 28.—After one of the warmest county seat fights ever known in this section of the country Bonesteel has succeeded in wresting the prize from its rival, Fairfax, which for the past four years has been the county seat of Gregory county.

The fight was decided Tuesday when court house bonds were voted upon, and Bonesteel won out by a majority of about seventy. Citizens of Fairfax retaliated by charging that the Bonesteel supporters not only voted Indians in favor of locating the court house at Bonesteel, but that a large number of squaws, who could not be distinguished from the bucks also voted.

As a result the sheriff has arrested a number of Bonesteel's citizens for alleged fraud and more than thirty warrants have been issued.

Residents of Bonesteel say that none of the warrants will be served and threaten to resist any attempt to do so with force.

KNOX GETS TIME EXTENDED.

Panama Canal Company Will Give Congress Time to Act.

Washington, March 4.—Attorney General Knox on leaving the cabinet meeting yesterday announced that he had received from the Panama Canal company an acceptance of the proposal which he recently made to it with respect to the extension of the option on the canal company's property held by this government.

He said that the communication from the canal company was of such a nature that the option would be kept alive until the ratification of the pending treaty—it mattered not whether the treaty was ratified before or after the conclusion of the present congress.

Thinks Slayer Is a Woman.

Buffalo, March 4.—Assistant Superintendent of Police Cusack yesterday made a positive statement of his belief that the murderer of Edwin L. Burdick is a woman, that she is a person of some social standing and that she moved in the social set in which Burdick was prominent. The further statement was made that Burdick was lying on the couch in his den when the attack which ended his life was made, and that there was no struggle worthy of the name of struggle, the unfortunate man succumbing almost immediately to the first blow struck.

Sinks With All Hands.

New York, March 4.—The German steamer Piassa, from Hamburg, arrived here yesterday and reported that on Feb. 16 she saw a steamer with one mast and one funnel standing, bow out of water and stern settled down. Later, when the Piassa was within a mile of the steamer, the latter disappeared. There were no boats or rafts in the vicinity of the vessel. The captain of the Piassa believes that all hands perished.

Find Body of Knapp's Victim.

Hamilton, O., March 4.—The body of Hannah Goddard Knapp arrived here last night in charge of Chief of Police Keummerling from New Albany, Ind., where it was found in the river Monday. There was a large crowd of people at the station to see the body unloaded and the more curious followed it to the morgue. Knapp knows nothing of the arrival of the body of his wife, but he will be confronted with the body today.

Wants a Rebel Flag.

Des Moines, March 4.—W. O. Finkbine has received a letter from J. R. Bush of Braxton, Miss., making inquiries as to the location of the flag of the Thirty-ninth Mississippi regiment, which was captured during the war, and is supposed to be in the possession of somebody in Iowa. Mr. Bush would like to get the flag.

Killed by Live Wire.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 4.—In a spirit of bravado and with the expressed intention of "bantering" his youthful companions, Edward Madsen, the thirteen-year-old son of Jens C. Madsen, climbed yesterday afternoon to the top of one of the electric light poles in the alley at the rear of 112 Fourth street and, despite the warning of his playmates, grasped the heavily charged feed wires with both hands. In a few seconds he fell to the ground a corpse.

NOW THE NORTHWESTERN.

Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley no Longer.

CHANGE TOOK PLACE SUNDAY.

The Elkhorn Will Hereafter be Known as The Nebraska and Wyoming Division, and Divisions Will be Known as Districts.

[From Monday's Daily.]

With yesterday the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railway system ceased to exist and is now to be known as the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Chicago & Northwestern, it having always been considered as a part of that system, but operated under a different name and separate management. There has not been a great change in the official department, but like the road the principal change will be in names and titles. Circulars issued from division headquarters at Omaha Saturday morning indicate the status of several of the old Elkhorn officials with the new Nebraska and Wyoming division of the Northwestern.

One is issued by George F. Bidwell as "manager," thus indicating a change from the former title of "general manager" of the Elkhorn and appoints C. C. Hughes as general superintendent of the division. Another issued by Mr. Hughes appoints H. C. Mahanna, C. H. Reynolds and F. A. Harmon as superintendents of the South Platte, eastern and Black Hills "districts," respectively. Thus Mr. Hughes' title remains unchanged, while the superintendents will now govern "districts" instead of "divisions," although their authority remains unchanged.

There will be a rearrangement of the office forces in the traffic department today to meet the changed conditions.

There is now a chance that General Passenger Agent Buchanan's leave-taking will be in the nature of a retirement and not a dismissal. On a technicality hangs the decision as to whether he will be pensioned by the Chicago & Northwestern railway, which has an elaborate pension system.

The age necessary to secure this dispensation is sixty-five years, and Mr. Buchanan is just sixty-five. So in that respect he comes safely under the wire. However, Mr. Buchanan was retired as an official of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad. He was not an official of the Chicago & Northwestern railway. The latter never extended its pension system over the Elkhorn road. It will now of course extend it over the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern. But it is a question as to whether Mr. Buchanan will get in under that construction. He will find out during his stay in Chicago, where he went Friday night.

Yankton, Norfolk & Southern.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Sutton, Neb., March 2.—That there will be active work begun on the new railroad which will be built from Canada to the Gulf within the next few years as the Yankton, Norfolk & Southern, can be plainly seen by those in touch with H. Leone Miller, who is managing the affairs of the company at this point. The building that will be used for the general offices of the company has been remodeled and will in a few days be fitted with first-class furniture of the latest pattern. That some strong financial concern is behind this enterprise can no longer be doubted. General Manager Miller is now securing a large force of engineers and right-of-way men to push the work as fast as possible. The company's officers and engineers will make an inspection of the line about March 10, beginning at Yankton and touching at the following points: Aten, Crofton, Wausa, Osmond, Pierce, Hadar, Norfolk, Emerick, Newman's Grove, Looking Glass, Genoa, Beulah, Arborville, Henderson, Sutton, Ong, Davenport, Deshler, Chester, Belleville and Concordia.

W. V. ALLEN IN DES MOINES.

The Ex-Senator is now Interested in Oil More than Politics.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

A special to the Sioux City Journal from Des Moines, under date of March 1, says: Ex-Senator William V. Allen, of Nebraska, is spending a few days in Des Moines. He arrived yesterday and took a room at the Savary, and with him was W. S. Collins, Wyoming. They did not come to Iowa at this time to do any harmonizing in politics nor to decide whether there should be a recognition of some party or other, nor to approve any political merger. Senator Allen, like Gen. Weaver, is interested in oil.

They have samples of oil with them. It is from wells at Basin, Wyoming, in the Big Horn valley, directly east of the Yellowstone park. It is fine looking oil, and smells bad enough to be regarded as first class by oil smelters. Some that they have had refined shows a very large percentage of kerosene, and gasoline showing it to be a comparatively light crude oil, and the real thing in petroleum. Mr. Collins is the mayor of Basin and runs a newspaper and is interested in the oil. Senator Allen is here to introduce him to some Iowa people.

In his room at the Savary the senator was found surrounded by two or three old friends. He was a soldier of a Thirty-second Iowa, and enlisted from a Floyd county town, where his stepfather was a preacher at the breaking out of the war. Col. Eberhart was

talking to the senator. He was colonel of the regiment. There was also the adjutant of the regiment, ex-Mayor W. L. Carpenter. The three spent a delightful hour telling of their experiences and recounting the days they spent in the south. All possessed good memories, and their stories related to actual incidents.

Senator Allen recently sold out his newspaper in Madison, Nebraska, turning it over to a young man who was running another paper there. "I found I could not very well run a newspaper and farm and practice law all at the same time," he said. "I had to give up some of the luxuries, and gave up my newspaper." The senator declined to talk politics, but said he would hardly lose his interest in political affairs.

NO CITY TAXES ON TERMINALS.

Nebraska Legislators Decide to Continue Present Arrangements.

Lincoln, March 4.—The house yesterday killed H. R. 330, the substitute of H. R. 17, the bills to tax railroad terminals for municipal purposes. The committee on cities and towns submitted majority and minority reports on the bill, the former, signed by five members, recommending the bill for indefinite postponement; the latter, signed by four, recommending it for passage. By a vote of 53 to 38 the house sustained the majority report, which was the death blow to the measure. Some spirited debate on the bill was indulged in, Ten Eyck and Kennedy of Douglas, Sears of Burt and Loomis of Dodge pleading for the bill, and Douglas of Rock and Wilson of Pawnee talking against it. The favorers failed to vote solidly in favor of the bill going to the general file. Two fusion members—Mikensell and Shipley—voted against it.

A resolution for an investigation of the much-mooted Bartley "cigar box" was introduced yesterday by Knox.

FRANCIS NOW GOES TO SPAIN.

President of St. Louis Fair Doing Good Work in Behalf of Exposition.

Paris, March 4.—President Francis of the St. Louis exposition, started for Madrid after devoting the morning to a further exchange of visits. He also went to the chamber of commerce and to the bourse.

Shortly before the day's operations began Mr. Francis held an informal levee, several hundred leaders of the financial and commercial world crowding around him. All those present had something good to say of the exposition.

During the ball last night President Loubet separated himself from the presidential group in order to confer with Mr. Francis on the subject of the exposition and American affairs in general.

Have on the Range.

Denver, March 4.—Thousands of cattle, dead or dying, in the snow on the plains can be seen from every railroad throughout the range country. The storms of the last two weeks wrought havoc among the herds. Trainmen arriving from the east report six to twenty inches of snow to the Kansas line. One train crew on the Missouri Pacific road counted more than 1,000 dead cattle between the Kansas line and Pueblo. Rock Island trainmen estimate a similar number lying within sight of that line.

Snow Blockade in Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 4.—The country around Amarillo is wrapped in nearly two feet of snow and the town has been practically shut off from the world for the past six days. Railroad traffic is suspended. Not a train has moved in a week. Two hundred passengers are held there awaiting the break of the snow blockade.

Creditors Ask for Receiver.

St. Louis, March 4.—Creditors of the National Securities company, one of the turf investment companies that suffered in the recent run, yesterday filed an application in the circuit court asking for the appointment of a receiver for the concern.

Wire Tappers Arrested.

Springfield, Ill., March 4.—A. D. Graham, William Bennett and William Swan, telegraph operators from Chicago, and James Johnson, a saloonkeeper of Chatham, were arrested yesterday for wire tapping. Swan confessed that the tapping had been done for the purpose of securing the results of races with the intention of heating the local pool rooms out of money.

Ohio Again Rising.

Cincinnati, March 4.—The Ohio river passed the danger line of fifty feet here last night. The indications are that it will rise very slowly today, but will not go beyond fifty-two feet. Thus far very little damage has been reported. All the railroads are still four feet from being interfered with.

Bank at Runnels Robbed.

Runnels, Ia., March 4.—The Bank of Runnels was robbed last night, but before the robbers could blow open the safe with dynamite they were frightened away. The safe was drilled and plugged. The bank still containing a few hundred dollars, was rifled.

Albia Has Expensive Blaze.

Oskaloosa, Ia., March 4.—The town of Albia had one of the worst fires in its history yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$30,000. Pills' restaurant, Reel's drug store, McAllister's grocery and company are the principal losers. Insurance on the several buildings is less than \$10,000.