

# STORM PLAYS HAVOC HERE

WORST FLOOD EVER ON THE WEST SIDE LAST NIGHT.

WAS AN OCEAN OF MUDDY WATER

More Than Three Inches of Rain, Falling Within an Hour, Filled the Gulch Leading From Northwest Hills to Overflowing—Freaks of the Storm.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

More than three inches of rain within the space of an hour last night flooded the narrow valley northwest of Norfolk and dumped down upon the residence portion of the city on the west side the largest amount of surplus moisture that has been known in the town's history for a score of years, doing hundreds of dollars worth of damage. Norfolk avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, was a running river several feet deep, while the whole basin in that section, which drains the water from the northwest hills, was completely covered with a large and raging sea. The surplus waters tried to find a way to drain off by going down the ditch that has recently been dug south on Thirteenth street, but this proved entirely inadequate to the emergency and a flood was turned down Norfolk avenue, flowing like a river to the tracks at Seventh street.

While the water was higher apparently than it has been before for years, the cause may be attributed more to the fact that a great number of embankments have been erected on the west side to protect property rather than to the amount of rain that fell. Three inches of rain within an hour is unusual, but many storms in the past have been known to precipitate as much moisture and sometimes more, so that what happened last night is likely to be repeated again at any time.

Sidewalks were torn out and floated away, pretty lawns were covered with a thick layer of mud, stone crossings were broken to pieces, porches were torn from their houses, culverts were hoisted up into the air by the force of the current and streets were cut and chopped until this morning they looked like ragged ravines.

The water went higher last night than has ever been known since the west side was built up. Yards that had been elevated more than a foot, in order that their embankments might act as dikes against the floods that rush down that ditch, were a foot and a half under water, and the level of the black, muddy river came within two or three inches of going into the parlor floors of houses on the avenue.

The rain broke over the city at about 8 o'clock and lasted with fury for an hour, during which time about three inches of moisture fell. The storm was accompanied by sharp lightning that struck in several places. Two hours after the rain had ended the flood arrived by way of the gulch from the hills northwest of the town, and the whole west side became submerged.

One of the mains on the electric light system, running west of the tracks, was struck by lightning at about 9 o'clock and all lights were put out on that circuit. The down town line and the hospital line remained intact. The line that was struck was promptly repaired and lights were soon running again.

The telephone wires were badly burned out in spots and there was trouble this morning as a result.

In places the wires, where they were short-circuited by tree limbs, kept up a constant glitter of sparks during the evening and night.

Breaks Stone Crossing.

At the corner of Thirteenth street and Norfolk avenue a massive stone crossing had recently been installed by the city. Under this crossing ran a wooden culvert which was to have carried part of the water across Thirteenth street, to the east side, and thence south on that channel. This culvert was hoisted by the force of the water until it stood up in the air. And the cement crossing which colored it was lifted with the culvert, being broken to pieces.

West of Thirteenth street the river spread over all residence property. The O'Connor home, where a high dike had been built, was flooded and the lawn covered with sticky mud. The Coryell residence property was submerged. The property occupied by R. A. Moulton, where a high dike had been built, was a foot and a half under water and the water crept up to within three inches of the first floor of the house. Mr. Moulton, in waders, carried his family out of the house, through the water, and to a neighbor's. The S. T. Napper lawn, where a high dike had been built, was completely covered with the water and the Rome Miller house on the west side of the street, in the path of the gulch, was surrounded.

Tore Porch Away.

What water failed to get down Thirteenth street, found its way east down Norfolk avenue. The home of Dr. Holden was in the path, and sidewalks were torn to pieces. The front porch at the residence of F. E. Davenport was torn completely away from the house and moved several feet. Sidewalks at the M. D. Tyler home suffered. Mud covered the front sidewalk and lawn of W. N. Huse and South Eleventh street was filled with water. The Congregational church yard was submerged and sidewalks torn out. Boards were torn out near the H. C. Sattler home and again on

Norfolk avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets. The Mittlestadt lumber yards received its regular share of the flood and mud.

Down Thirteenth street the gulch overflowed and went into the yards of J. Guild and Bennett Seymour. The flood rushed over the yards of J. H. Conley and Mr. Moore on South Thirteenth and piled up in a lake at the Union Pacific tracks.

On South Fifteenth street the water did damage, tearing out fences.

Cornstalks piled up high in all culverts and acted as dams for the water, throwing it back over everything.

The police ordered that are lights and gas lamps be allowed to burn all night.

Among those to inspect the flood last night while it was at its height were Councilman Storrs Mathewson and Street Commissioner Richey. It was their opinion that the only solution of the problem would be found in digging a deep and very wide canal down Fourteenth street.

LIGHTNING STRUCK HOUSE TWICE

Home of C. G. Miller Was Twice Hit by Bolts Last Night.

The home of C. G. Miller, at the corner of Eighth street and Madison avenue, was struck twice by lightning during the storm last night. One bolt entered the peak of the roof and ran down the back wall of the house to the pantry, where it wrecked the wall badly over a space of several feet. Plastering was thrown in all directions and the exterior siding of the wall was torn off. The other bolt also entered through the roof and ran down the front wall until it reached the sitting room, where it shot a small hole through the wall behind a picture, which was thrown to the floor and demolished. Mrs. Miller and the young people were the only ones at home at the time, and they were terribly frightened but not injured.

MAY SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

Councilmen Have Been Investigating the Water Proposition.

The Norfolk city council have, during the past week, been looking into the water proposition together with some of the county commissioners. People living on South Thirteenth street, at the time of the last overflow, suffered damage and made complaint, since which time steps have been taken toward doing something else with the surplus water. Last Saturday a committee drove over the west side, looking into the situation, and it was the sense of that committee that the Fourteenth street canal would be the most satisfactory way of taking care of the overflow.

## COUNTY HAS NOT 18,000

CENSUS SHOWS THAT POPULATION WILL FALL SHORT.

KNOCKS OUT RECORDER'S OFFICE

Enumerators Who Have Been Taking the Census of Madison County From Thirteen out of Twenty-three Precincts, Counting Thus Far 6,702.

According to the census results that have already been received from the enumerators who have been counting heads in Madison county, the estimated 18,000 persons of the county will fall away short of that figure. Up to date thirteen precincts out of twenty-three have been heard from, with a total population of 6,702. As there are yet Norfolk, a part of Madison, a part of Battle Creek and all of Tilden to be counted, the remaining ten precincts will probably run stronger than the first thirteen, but the present indications are that there will be a wide margin between the total population and the 18,000 necessary to the creation of the office of recorder in the county.

When the county reaches 20,000 population the salaries of the county commissioners may be increased, but not before. At present the Madison county commissioners are working on a per diem basis, but they are limited to \$500 per year which is said to be not enough, in view of long travel, bad roads, and other conditions.

With a population of 20,000 the commissioners would be entitled to \$1,200 per year each.

The precincts thus far enumerated are:

Warnerville, 489; Kalamazoo, 568; Highland (Battle Creek in Highland) 635; Deer Creek, 399; Fairview, 545; Shell Creek precinct, 705; Newman Grove, 850; Madison city in Union precinct, 383; Union precinct outside, 466; Emerick, 815; Meadow Grove precinct, 205; Meadow Grove village, 341; Schoolcraft precinct, 501.—Total, 6,702.

It had been planned by the county commissioners, in case it was found that there were 18,000 people in the county, to create a new office of recorder, provided for by the state law, thus doing away with the office of deputy county clerk. This would have made one more officer to be elected in the county at the polls.

From the showing of the census-takers in Madison county, it begins to be a matter of some doubt as to whether the 18,000 inhabitants necessary to the creating of the new office of recorder in the county, will be found within the limits of the territory that can be counted.

If you have some money "tied-up" in something, see if a want ad. will not "untie" it.

# STORM DEALS DEATH

NEBRASKA VISITED BY LIGHTNING LAST NIGHT.

A MAN IS KILLED NEAR TILDEN

CARL JESSEN, MADISON COUNTY FARMER, STRUCK IN FIELD.

A FIRE STARTED AT MADISON

FARMER NEAR HASTINGS KILLED INSTANTLY BY BOLT.

Terrific Electrical and Rain Storm Swept Over Spots of Nebraska Last Night, Leaving Death in its Path. Hail Near Creighton.

A terrific electric storm, with heavy rain, swept Nebraska last night.

The dead reported are:

Carl Jessen, Tilden, Neb.

Frank Brown, Ayer, Neb.

Many persons felt shocks.

A fire burned in the telephone office at Madison.

MAN KILLED NEAR TILDEN.

Carl Jessen, Farmer, Went to Take Care of His Horses.

Tilden, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: Carl Jessen, a farmer living six miles north and two west, was killed by lightning during the storm last night.

He went to the pasture to get his horses, and did not return. The family supposed he had taken refuge at a neighbor's house. His dead body was found at about daylight this morning. Coroner Kindred of Meadow Grove was notified and had not decided at this hour whether he would hold an inquest or not.

Meadow Grove, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: Carl Jessen, a prosperous farmer living eight miles northwest of here, went out during the storm to look after his horses. He told his wife he would stop at a neighbor's in case a storm came up severely. He was found dead in the pasture this morning. He was forty-five years old and leaves a wife and several children.

FIRE IN MADISON 'PHONE OFFICE

Stroke of Lightning Did Damage to Extent of \$1,000.

Madison, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: Fire at 11:30 last night in the local telephone office on Second street, near Pearl, in the business section, resulted from a bolt of lightning that struck the office. Some firemen were on the spot and had the fire under control in a short time. Telephone fixtures were destroyed. The damage amounted to \$1,000 in all. The building was covered by \$400 insurance. The fire department did good work to stop the blaze.

Misses Wahl and Imhoff, operators, were sleeping in an adjoining room when the office was struck. They felt a severe shock but were not injured.

LIGHTNING NEAR HASTINGS.

Frank Brown is Killed at Ayer—Son, in Same Wagon, is Unhurt.

Hastings, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: A special to the Republican from Ayer, Neb., says that Frank Brown of that place was struck by lightning last night and instantly killed. The team which he was driving was badly scorched, with a hole burned in his head.

A little son in the wagon seat with his father, escaped unhurt.

There was a good rain and a severe lightning storm throughout the county. Clyde Olmstead, lineman for the Bell Telephone company, was knocked insensible by a bolt.

HAIL AT CREIGHTON.

Windows Were Broken in an Area of Two Miles Last Night.

Creighton, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: Hail was mixed in the storm that visited this section last night. Windows were broken over an area two miles square eight miles west and one north. Not much damage resulted.

Plainview, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: A light shower struck this town last night, but there was no hard rain.

INVESTIGATION STARTS JUNE 6

State Board Will be in Norfolk Next Wednesday for Hospital Case.

The board of public lands and buildings will be in Norfolk on Wednesday, June 6 to start the investigation into insane hospital affairs here.

Dr. J. L. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln insane asylum, filed a request with the board of public lands and buildings for an investigation of the matter of the death of W. S. McCartney of Nebraska City, who was killed in the asylum during the first week in November, 1904. The request probably will be granted.

"Every time anything comes up and there is an opportunity for a hostile press to say something reflecting upon me, the opportunity is taken advantage of. I want that death thoroughly investigated and if I was in any way responsible for it, then I am ready and willing to resign my position as su-

perintendent of the asylum. I have been a quarter of a century building up a reputation and as long as the newspapers continue to refer to that murder, my reputation is damaged to that extent. If the board investigates and finds I was not responsible then it will forever stop this talk. I think much more of my reputation than I do of any \$2,500 job the state of Nebraska can give me, and I want this thing settled once and for all.

"Five minutes after I was notified of the death of the patient I telephoned his brother and then notified the then attorney general, who was the only member of the board in Lincoln. The coroner was called and after an investigation said an inquest was not necessary. The brother was satisfied and asked that the death be not made public. I advised him at that time it would be better to make the matter public, as it would likely come out and he would be sorry for it. It was a month or more later when the newspapers got the story and published it. Now, then, a hostile press refers to it on every occasion.

"I was not responsible for the murder. The guard, contrary to my orders, put the two men in the same room and one murdered the other. I reported the matter to the proper authorities, and now I want this death thoroughly investigated and a record made of it."

## MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

JOHN DEHM FELL OFF A WAGON AT PLAINVIEW YESTERDAY.

HIS HEAD WENT UNDER WHEEL

Under a Heavy Load of Lumber, Farmer of Means Who Lived Near Plainview, Was Ground to Death on Street Yesterday Afternoon.

Plainview, Neb., May 22.—Special to The News: John Dehm, a middle-aged German farmer living eight miles northeast, was accidentally killed yesterday afternoon by falling under the wheels of a wagon.

He was hauling a load of lumber for John Weber, a block north of the high school building, and was seen by school boys to fall out of the wagon. Prof. Cole and high school students ran to the spot and found him dead, the wheels having crushed his head and face.

Dr. Oelke of Pierce, the coroner, arrived last night and held an inquest. The jury's verdict was that he met an accidental death.

The remains will be taken to Plattsmouth, where his mother and sister are buried. He was a man of means and had no relatives in this vicinity.

Warnerville.

The Warnerville school closed Friday for the summer.

Geo. Wheeler has gone to Blair to visit his brother-in-law, Ed Creamer.

A. N. McGinnis finished assessing this township last week.

Ralph Miller will go to Omaha Saturday to accept a position in a store. Ed. Warner and family of Jerseyville, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Warner.

W. P. Rowlett is making preparations to build a new barn on his farm southwest of town.

Enola.

A large shipment of fat cattle was made yesterday from Enola. Prominent among shippers were Nick Smith, Geo. Stork and Robt. Upton.

Mayor Malone is building at \$3,000 residence and several others are engaged in building.

The shipments of grain and live stock each week are very large for a new town.

MADISON RACE HORSES.

Interest in Turf at County Seat is on the Increase Now.

The chief point of interest in Madison nowadays is the race track and the bird birds are lined up all day long watching the colts work out. Chas. Moore, the well-known trainer, has a bunch of eleven on the track and several are sure winners. The sensation Moore, who created such interest in our local races last year is going eighth in four and four-fifths and negotiates the mile on a half mile track in two five. Billy Onward, owned by Davis, after several unsuccessful seasons, is going to make good this year. He is going fast. He always could, and this year he can carry the pace the entire route and then some.

Dave Stannard's Speed On from O'Neill, a sensational green one last autumn, has improved in form and will be heard from on the circuit this season. Shady O'Neill, owned by Hugh McKinney, is also a promising future. C. S. Smith, mayor of Madison, has on the track a three-year-old filly by Impression, dam by Minnie D. by Caffrey that has a promising future. Another good prospect is Farmer Boy, pacer, by Dakota Boy, dam by Rushville. He is a half brother to Harry Booth, well known on the local circuit last year. Matne (3) by Spokane, dam by Shadeland Onward, comes from Columbus and has a future in store.

Trainer Moore would like to come to Norfolk some day and give a matinee if satisfactory arrangements could be made by the association here and Commercial club to pay his expenses. He can bring six horses and agrees to show a half with Moore on our track in '5. Woods Cones would not doubt bring down Capt. Mack and John Kay might add a few to the entries.

# WAS BOHLSSEN MURDERED?

COUNTY ATTORNEY KOENIGSTEIN STARTS INVESTIGATION.

BROTHER CHARGES FOUL PLAY

Two Tilden Men Were in Norfolk Yesterday Afternoon to Consult County Attorney Jack Koenigstein Regarding Tragedy—He is Now in Tilden.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

John Bohlsen and W. Kirchheffer of Tilden were in the city yesterday to consult County Attorney Jack Koenigstein in regard to the tragedy at that place on the 14th last when M. H. Bohlsen was burned in a building. It is the opinion of these gentlemen that there was foul play and that the fire was set to cover a murder. It is said that members of the coroner's jury are now of the opinion that Bohlsen was murdered.

Mr. Koenigstein departed today for Tilden to investigate the case as thoroughly as possible.

It will be remembered that Bohlsen burned to a crisp in his paint shop, and the coroner's jury assigned no cause for the death. It was found that he had a bullet hole in his head and, as he lay peacefully upon his back with his arms outstretched, it looked to his brother as though it could not have been suicide. The theory of foul play was increased by a statement that money and a watch were missing.

It was said by those who saw the corpse that the head was crushed in at the back of the head and, as Bohlsen lay on his back, it was argued that this could not have resulted from falling timbers.

TUESDAY TIDINGS.

F. Peltz was a visitor from Osmond yesterday.

Miss Alice Mullen is visiting friends in Creighton.

C. G. Whipple of Nebraska was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. Spence of Madison was in the city yesterday.

E. A. Matson of Madison was in Norfolk yesterday.

J. H. Frick of Wayne was a passenger to Geneva today.

Mrs. J. J. Clements returned home to Madison yesterday.

Train Master E. O. Mount went to O'Neill today on No. 1.

John Hamer went to Pierce for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Foster of Battle Creek spent yesterday in town.

H. Whalen of Wayne was transacting business here yesterday.

E. J. Hicknell returned home last evening from a business trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Ernest Webb of Madison was in the city yesterday.

Miss Nellie Grant of Madison went to Pierce today to visit friends.

Albert Marquardt, living one mile north of Norfolk, is seriously ill.

H. J. Ringenheimer, cashier of the Citizens bank of Creighton, was in the city yesterday on his way home from Sioux City. Mr. Ringenheimer had in his possession plans for the erection of a fine bank building.

John Storrs Cotton arrived in the city today and is a guest at the home of his uncle, Col. S. S. Cotton. Mr. Cotton is identified with the bureau of plant industry of the U. S. department of agriculture, and is on his way from Washington to South Dakota, which territory has been assigned to him this year.

Miss Nora Jounge returned to her home in Osmond today after a visit with the family of Peter Barnes.

B. F. Wood, for several years editor of the Bonesteel Pilot, has accepted a position on The News staff.

Mrs. Laura Parker, mother of Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon, left today for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Largent, at Creighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Mumm, who have been visiting in Omaha, passed through today enroute to their home in Bonesteel.

John Crotty, well known in Norfolk, is here from Dennison, Texas, for a short visit with his brother, Pat, and many old-time friends.

Graham Humphrey is again confined to his bed. He had suffered recently from appendicitis and caught cold yesterday, suffering a relapse.

N. W. Spinner and Charles Dugan returned at noon from a trip to Omaha, where they went to see the Omaha-Denver baseball game and to take in the opening of the Krug park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oesterling and daughter Viola, Mrs. Graul, Mrs. Aug. Brummond and daughter Miss Minnie spent yesterday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Liders at Hoskins.

Wm. Kearville, a banker and real estate man of Burke, S. D., passed through Norfolk today enroute home after a business and pleasure trip to Omaha.

R. C. Martin, representing the National Live Stock company of Omaha, passed through Norfolk, having spent a few days at Madison and Tilden with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hogrefe and two sons of Battle Creek passed through Norfolk at noon enroute to New York, where they go for a brief visit with Mr. Hogrefe's aunt. They will visit Niagara Falls enroute.

N. Hansen, the commercial traveler who has been laid up at the Oxnard for several weeks with a bad ankle, will leave tomorrow morning for Lincoln, and will start out on his regular trips the latter part of this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Zimmerman and Jim Zimmerman were in the city today from Santee agency enroute to Rosebud agency. Rev. Zimmerman is a

Sioux Indian and has just finished a year's charge on the Santee reservation.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gray is suffering from a severe case of whooping cough.

Geo. Stork and Frank Upton of R. F. D. No. 4 each shipped a carload of cattle to Omaha from Enola yesterday.

Ezra Dovey of Winnetoon passed through the city this morning for Pomeroy, Iowa, to look up heirs to the estate of his brother, John, who died last Friday in a hospital at Columbus.

Martin Schonebaum, who has recently located at Shoshoni, but who has been looking after interests in Gregory county, South Dakota, is in the city today on his return to the new country to remain permanently.

W. H. Green, editor of the Nebraska Liberal, published at Creighton, passed through Norfolk this morning enroute for Lincoln to attend the Democratic Editorial association. Mr. Green is slated on the program for an address on the "Captains of Industry."

Preston Ogden leaves today for Chicago where he will enter the Moody Institute for a two-years' course in evangelistic singing. Mr. Ogden has exceptional talent in the vocal line and his many Norfolk friends expect more than ordinary results from his training.

E. J. Anderson of Omaha arrived here last evening to take charge of the Offenhausers company's jewelry store. Mrs. Anderson will move here later. Mr. Anderson is an experienced jeweler and general business man and will no doubt make many friends in his new position.

A carload of furniture for the government building was received last Saturday. The shipment consisted of jurors' platform, witness stand and railings for the court room and a large number of tables and wardrobes for various parts of the building. The furniture is the best and is very handsome.

Jack Korpel, the popular strongarm good fellow, who represents the Western Glass and Paint company of Omaha, had a narrow escape from a serious accident yesterday. While driving from Stanton to Pilger the team became frightened and it was with great difficulty that Mr. Korpel controlled them. Some torn clothing was all the damage resulting.

John Beran and family of Verdigre were in the city this morning enroute to Minnesota where they will make their future home. Mr. Beran and family have been residents of Knox county for the past thirty-six years and for sixteen years or since the starting of Verdigre Mr. Beran has been engaged in the general merchandise business in that burg.

District court adjourned at Madison last night, to meet in Norfolk this afternoon, when several cases, including the depot injunction matter, will be tried. Judge Boyd and the attorneys who attended court came up on last night's train. They said that there had been no rain at Madison when they left, though it was threatening. The first rain struck by the train was at the corporate limits of Norfolk.

Gregory County News: Mr. Ruge, who drew No. 2 in the great Rosebud lottery conducted by Uncle Sam two years ago, was last week offered \$10,000 for his claim by H. F. Slaughter of Naper, Neb. The value of lands on the Rosebud are soaring upwards and with the coming of the railroad will be as high or even higher than in the old portion of the county. Mr. Ruge refused the offer. We understand that there are other parties endeavoring to purchase this same farm and offered a sum not quite so liberal as that of Mr. Slaughter.

Dr. Tashjian left this morning for Stanton where he goes to testify in the case of the state vs. August Mueller, who is charged with shooting his wife and both her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hohnke, several weeks ago. It will be remembered that Mueller escaped on a horse after the tragedy and was captured near Pender. He was returned to Stanton by way of Norfolk and has been in jail there since, awaiting developments in the cases of his victims. It was at first supposed that his wife and his father-in-law would die, but they have both recovered.

The West Side Whist club last night completed another successful and delightful season of play. The last meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weatherly and a large number, despite the storm, were on hand for the finish. Prizes which were given by Mrs. Warwick to winners were last night awarded on high scores. Mrs. Bear received first and Mrs. Storrs Mathewson second prize for the ladies, and Mr. Boas first and Mr. J. Baum second for the gentlemen. The ladies received beautifully hand painted plates and the gentlemen handsome hand painted steins. Mrs. D. Mathewson and Mrs. Storrs Mathewson tied on the score for second place among the ladies.

Norfolk business firms have been notified by the chief of police that there shall be no more burning or rubbish and waste paper in the iron tanks that have been devised in many instances for the purpose. One merchant said this morning that the order will work hardship to the business portion of town and that damage will result more than though the fires were allowed. "The order came about through carelessness," he said, "but it will be bad if the people allow papers to blow here and there and everywhere, through lack of some place to put the paper. If the council would require the burning tanks to be covered with perforated screens, so that burning paper could not blow out, it ought to solve the problem."