BLASTS FROM BOREAS

With Heaps of Snow Take Possession of the City.

SCENES OF THE GREAT STORM.

Death of James H. Creighton—Changes in the Postoffice — Cleaning a Chimney—Bursting a Boiler, Etc.

The Weather.

Old settlers have for years back been wont to indulge in lurid descriptions of the weather in Omaha of the earlier days, its rain and heat, and dust and mud and blizzards. Contrasting it with that of these latter days, they have not failed to make their comparison favorable to the present, and enumerate the advantages that we, of these degenerate days, enjoy in the blandness of the sun's smiles and the mildness with which the blasts of winter assail our well-clad frames. But if any of the old settlers were out Tuesday night, and for their own sake it is to be hoped they were not, they might easily have discovered that the rigors of the past had not been swallowed in the whirlpool of oblivion.

The snow continued to fall with unremitting assiduity, until eleven o'clock. Half a dozen hours before that, the streets had become almost impassible to vehicles. The street railway tracks refused to uncover beneath the snow-plow. People who never ride in the cars thronged them to suffocation, and, as if in resentment, in a number of instances, the cars or horses refused to afford them the ride they sought. At 6 o'clock eight cars, more or less, under the influence of the weather, could have been seen at the corner of Farnam and Fifteenth streets, and they got away from there only by means of unloading and the junction of efforts on the part of both men and beasts. A little later eleven cars were caught on the track common to both the Eighteenth and Twentieth street lines and retired from duty for the night. Soon after, all the lines were abandoned and night settled down upon a city at the mercy of snow, wind and piercing blasts from the north. Stores were closed, streets were deserted, the only places remaining open being the saloons, theatres and Jones' revival, and these did but a frigid business. When the snow had ceased falling, the wind from the north came down with a velocity of forty miles, and fashioned the snow in drifts upon the street in shapes humorous, fantastic and mournful. In some parts the thoroughfares seemed like sections of a national cemetery with thousands of mounds above patriotic souls, covered with the mantle of purity and silence. From the roof of every building countless billions of particles were blown into the streets, filling them to the ridge of the highest structure with a mist, in which even the electric light lost its brilliancy and appeared at a distance like a fisherman's dip on a foggy morning. The wind whistled and howled according to its desires, and held undisputed sway throughout the weary hours.

YESTERDAY MORNING.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning it broke in fragments one of the immense plate glass windows of Gibson, Miller & Richardson's book store in the granite block on Fifteenth street, and the damage was not repaired until 11 o'clock, when sections of Saginaw marble were substituted to cover the aperture.

No horse cars ventured on the tracks, and those whose business required their early presence in town were compelled to foot it through drifts of varying heights and width, along tortuous sheep walks to town. Hundreds of people were behind their usual time at business. Dray, express and truck men remained at home. Mercantile houses opened their doors, merely for form's sake, with no expectation of doing business. The sun peered through an impenetrable veil, like a disgruntled monarch, and at intervals was reviled by the hoarse voice and chilling breezes of the north which he was able neither to temper nor control. But few sleighs appeared and they were out on business and not for pleasure. Pedestrians hurried along with down-bent heads, and the weather joker when met had something to say about the pleasant nature of day.

There was no change in the temperature up to 3 o'clock, and then it seemed as if the extreme cold promised were about to add to the intensity of the visitation.

SIGNAL OFFICE REPORTS.

Reports received at the signal office show that in the west and northwest no snow is falling. Colder weather prevails, however, with a falling mercury. At Cheyenne yesterday morning the thermometer stood at 40°, while at Denver it registered 1° above. In the city yesterday morning the mercury was at a point 12° above zero, and fell slightly as the day advanced. The barometer reports from different points show that there is a general depression all over this section of the northwest. The centre of depression is at Des Moines, causing a storm centre of considerable energy.

High winds prevailed throughout the city during the day. At 11 o'clock the wind had attained a velocity of thirty-six miles an hour.

THE TRAINS.

The depots presented a cheerless appearance. But few men could be found around them and the activity of moving trains and switching cars seemed to have been relegated to the past.

In the Union Pacific, the passenger tracks were covered with snow, while the other rails were occupied with long lines of dingy box cars shrouded in festoons of icicles. No trains were sent out. Passenger train No. 1, which left here last night for the west, is in the snow at Valley. No. 5, which went out at 5:05 o'clock yesterday evening, is laid by at Columbus. No. 2 from the west is held at Grand Island. The trains which should have left yesterday morning, the Denver and the Grand Island were abandoned.

The Missouri Pacific train from the south did not come in last night, neither did that which should have gone out yesterday morning leave the depot.

The dummy, up to 1 o'clock yesterday had made but two trips, the first of which was with three, the next with two engines, 300 and 341, both of which had considerable difficulty in ploughing drifts three feet deep on the other side of the river.

At 12:30 o'clock the Union Pacific management ordered out engines 596, 515 and 904, the first mentioned of which was supplied with a snow plow, which extended up to the headlight. These giants rushed from the shops up the grade, with great velocity, the plow shooting the obstructive snow into a hundred directions and filling the air, for a number of feet on either side of the apparatus. Each of these engines were manned with two crews, one crew being intended for day, the other for night work. The windows of the cabs of each were protected with boards and wire screens, to enable the occupants to look out without the danger of having their windows broken in the snow drifts. The engines were under orders to go to Grand Island, clearing the track as they advanced. The men in charge were Engineers Sheehy, Branson, Jackson, McConnell and Stephenson, the firemen being Stephenson, Gough, Jackson, O'Hare, Hulver and O'Haney. West of Grand Island the work of this plow will be supplemented by two more from North Platte. After the home plow shall have cleared the track to Grand Island, it will return and do similar service on the Republican Valley branch. Attached to the engines were an emigrant and a day coach, a box car and three cabooses. These contained a number of laborers, tools and food, all to be used in the work of clearing the roads.

While the trains already mentioned are at stations at which a supply of food and other necessaries can be had for the passengers, this morning the Union Pacific sent to the depot six immense chests of crackers, meat and canned goods, which will be sent on the first trains which leave, to provide against any want of food which may be experienced by its patrons before the storm shall have abated.

The B. & M. depot had at 11 o'clock one train ready to go west, but it was waiting orders and was then three hours behind.

The train for Chicago left an hour behind time, but it was learned was stopped by the snow in Iowa.

The Kansas City train came in with a few passengers and only a few minutes behind.

No. 2 of yesterday from Denver had been delayed. When last heard from it was at Ashland, and was expected to arrive at 2:30 o'clock.

Yesterday morning's train, which arrives at 10:40 from the west, was eight hours behind.

The train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road was held at Templeton, Ia., a freight train in advance of it being caught in the drifts.

The Chicago & Northwestern train from Chicago had not arrived at 12 o'clock on the other side of the river, though the road sent out a train about the usual time yesterday morning. This was the only eastern road from the Bluffs which made this attempt.

The Chicago & Rock Island train from Chicago reached the transfer about one hour behind, having experienced but little difficulty because of the snow.

The yards in the Bluffs and all the freights are tied up.

Yesterday morning's train on the Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha was abandoned, it having been decided at an early hour that it would be useless to send it out.

THE POSTOFFICE.

The carriers made one trip yesterday morning and those in the business district made another about noon. But no mail having arrived, the force were permitted to go home at an early hour. The mail, however, was sent to all depots, but returned almost immediately because of the abandonment of the trains.

NOTES.

The coal dealers are anticipating a rich harvest this winter.

This weather is a God-send to a good many impecunious men who have found work at cleaning off sidewalks.

The street car company, owing to the drifted condition of the streets, could not run any cars yesterday. They hope to have their tracks sufficiently cleared to enable cars to run on schedule time today.

Two young men who live in Walnut Hill, while on their way home Thursday night, lost their way in the blinding storm and were obliged to spend the night in an old out house. They were all but frozen yesterday morning, but managed to find their way to a house near by, where they were well cared for.

Advices were received at the Union Pacific headquarters yesterday that Barneston, a station on the O. & R. V., just south of Beatrice, was destroyed by fire. Particulars are not known.

Justice Berka.

This gentleman, Tuesday evening married George Buhler and Miss Huldah Herath who had already entered the marriag state under the misapprehension that the license of Judge McCulloch permitted them so to do.

The decision of the court will be rendered to-day in the case of S. Kalish vs. N. Lipp, charged with receiving money under false pretenses.

In the replevin case of Jardine vs. Coleman, the decision was in favor of the former.

Mary Looks was yesterday morning given possession of the feather bed of her mother claimed by the plaintiff's stepfather.

Jas. Nichola has replevined a pair of horses and harnesses and the contents of a butcher shop from Constable Stein.

Wm. E. Hulburt was held to the district court on the charge of bastardy by Lizzie Stafford.

The German Company in Lincoln.

Encouraged by the success which the German Comedy company of Baureis, Puls & Schmitz have acheived in the Sunday performances at the Boyd, a number of the German citizens of Lincoln have made a request for them to give a couple of performances in that city. The expense of these, of course, would be considerable, and subscriptions now are being taken up in Lincoln for this purpose. If the company agrees to go, it will be on the night of Thanksgiving and the following, on which occasion they will give two of their standard performances. They will, of course, return in time for their regular Sunday night performance here.

United States Court.

Judge Brewer was hearing arguments yesterday afternoon in the celebrated case of Mary E. Kellogg vs. James B. Chapman the suit involving a strip of land on upper Farnam st.

Decisions for plaintiff were rendered yesterday by Judge Brewer in the cases of Damon vs. Cheney, Svobodo vs. Cheney, and Cheney vs. John Lunn.

Judge Dundy was engaged in hearing yesterday the case of Gross vs. the Union Pacific Railway company, in which the father sues for $2,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by the death of his son, who was run over by a train.

A Powder Blast.

The pipe and chimney leading from Elsasser's barber shop, under Col. Floyd's saloon on Fifteenth street, yesterday, became clogged up, and upon the suggestion of some one, several grains of powder were placed in the stove, in which there was a fire at the time. The lid of the heater was blown off, and Floyd's saloon and the rooms of the Canadian-American club above were filled with clouds of smoke, which suggested a black snow storm.

The Anderson Tragedy.

Annie Anderson, the girl who was accidentally shot by a fellow servant, Annie Jackson, at Gus Anderson's boarding house is still alive. It is reported that there is still a chance for her recovery.

"There is no doubt but that the shooting was accidental," said Judge Stenberg yesterday, "and I suppose I shall have to release the girl. She is still confined in jail, awaiting my action."

Blew Off Its Head.

The steam heater in the offices of the Union Pacific claim department, formerly occupied by the land department, blew out its head yesterday morning and filled the place with steam. Fifty clerks were given a rest until to-day. Nobody was hurt.

Clipped.

The clipping of the horses of the fire department has just been finished by F. R. Mckinney, and the animals look as if their familiarity with the American patent clipper had almost turned them into steeds of the Ukraine breed.

THE POSTOFFICE CRUSH.

How It Will Soon Be Avoided on Sunday By a New Delivery.

The recent visit of the postoffice inspector to the postoffice at this place, together with the additions to the force of the office recently made, will bring about a number of changes in the carriers' department.

On Sunday the custom is, and has been for many years, for people desiring mail to mass in the north end of the building and seek for their favors from their carrier inside. For a long time back, as everybody will appreciate who has experienced it, this has resulted in a crowding, a pushing and a pulling which stops but little short of the disgraceful. It is intended to obviate this by dividing the people into two lines, one composed of those who live in the residence and the other of those who come from the business district. Each individual in turn will approach one of the windows to be designated for that purpose. He will announce his name to a party stationed at the window, who will in turn shout it to the carrier who will stand at his desk. The applicant will then step aside to an adjoining open window, and will there receive his mail by means of an assistant who will be given it by the carrier at his desk. The same method will be carried out with respect to those who live in the residence districts. Thirteen carriers will attend to the latter and eleven to the former. To effect this change the rack now immediately in front of the Sunday delivery will be removed and the carrier's desks brought nearer the windows. Whether the system will work as rapidly as did the old one remains to be seen. There can be no doubt, however, that it will obviate the disgraceful crushing and crowding which has been long borne with patience.

AN OLD CITIZEN GONE.

Death of James H. Creighton—His Life.

The citizens of Omaha were pained to hear yesterday of the death of James H. Creighton, an old resident of this place, which occurred at half-past 10 o'clock Thursday night. Since Thursday last, when he was taken suddenly ill Mr. Creighton has been suffering from what his physician called a sort of paralysis of a portion of the brain. He grew rapidly worse and though conscious to the last, his recovery was, almost from the first, despaired of.

Mr. Creighton was in his forty-second year. He came to Omaha in 1862, from Springfield, O., his birthplace, and for many years was a prominent liveryman here. He retired from business when stricken with blindness five or six years ago. He was a man of many good qualities, warm-hearted, generous and always willing to lend a helping hand to those who needed it. His death will be mourned by a large circle of friends and acquantances.

Mr. Creighton leaves a wife, but no children. His brother, Mr. J. D. Creighton, his two sisters, Mrs. Catharine Maginn and Mrs. Martha Itnyer, and his mother, Mrs. Phœbe Creighton, are residents of this city. The widow herself is very low from an attack of illness brought on by an accident two weeks ago, and it is feared that her husband's death will seriously impair her chances of recovery.

The funeral will take place on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence, 1718 Cass street, to the Holy Family church.

A VICTIM OF THE BLASTS.

Hugh Devlin, a Soldier, Frozen to Death.

As so far reported, the only victim of Thursday night's terrible storm is Hugh Devlin, a private of company E, Second infantry, who perished at Fort Omaha early yesterday morning or late Thursday evening.

Devlin was last seen alive about six o'clock Thursday night when he left the saloon just outside the fort to go to his quarters. He was then under the influence of liquor and staggered considerably.

Nothing more was seen of him until yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, when his body, frozen stiff and stark, was discovered by a sentry, about one hundred and fifty feet from the guard house. It was partially covered with drifted snow, and lay in such a manner as to indicate that Devlin was on his way to the guard house when he stumbled and fell. He was probably too much under the influence of liquor to realize his danger, and laid in the snow until frozen to death. The case was reported to the coroner, who does not deem an inquest necessary.

Devlin was a man about forty-five years of age, and unmarried. He came to Omaha a few months ago with the Second infantry.

POLICE COURT.

Fleming Tells His Story—Vagrants Sentenced.

Albert Fleming, the old German weaver whose trouble with his wife has been recounted in the BEE, appeared for trial yesterday morning. His wife did not come up to prosecute him and he was released.

Fleming amused the court by reciting how his wife had enticed him into marrying her by inviting him into her house and explaining how well she could cook, wash, iron and perform the general duties of a faithful spouse. "I vos married to her tree days ofder dot," he explained, "und vot you dinks, in tree monds she vas de mutter of a baby. Dot make me mad and den dere vas trouble between us."

Fleming went on to tell, with earnest gesticulations, how his wife had given up doing anything for him, and said that things had come to such a point that he was even obliged to darn his own stockings.

A number of other unimportant cases were disposed of by Judge Stenberg. Four vagrants were given ten days each on bread and water.

YOUNG MRS. BATTIN.

She is Enticed Away From Home and Returns to Her Husband.

Readers of the BEE will doubtless remember the case of Delia McArdle, the 14-year-old daughter of James McArdle, who eloped with and was married to James Battin. The pair were subsequently arrested, and the girl was made to return to her parents. Battin was arrested for swearing faisely to the ages of himself and the girl, and placed under bonds to appear before the district court.

The latest phase of the affair was reported to a representative of the BEE yesterday. It seems that a few days ago a woman of easy virtue, living in this city, managed to get communication with the young girl and enticed her away from her home. She then brought her to Battin, with whom it is supposed she now is. As to the whereabouts of the pair, those interested know nothing.

Ogallala News Notes.

OGALLALA, Neb., Nov. 14.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Election is over and Keith county has settled down to the ordinary routine of business. The question of the division of the county was hotly contested, but the result shows that the county will remain as a whole, for a year longer, at least. Some parties who were very anxious for division talk of attempting to organize notwithstanding, they failed to get the requisite number of votes, and as it has been frequently divided by the courts that any questions of this kind or majority of all votes cast is necessary, it seems their hopes are based on a very poor foundation.

Times are lively in this county at present, and are likely to be all winter, owing to the fact that the B. & M. railroad is running its line through the county and will give employment to a large force of men and teams all winter which will also create a good demand for all kinds of grain and hay and in this way bring considerable money into the county.

Ogallala is still holding her own with all western towns. She has made rapid strides during the past summer in the way of valuable improvements.

The latest and most valuable improvement is a steam flouring mill which has already been commenced and is to be completed by February 1, 1887.

Real estate sales both in town and country are groing better as the season grows older. The principal cause being additional railroad building.

No county in the state has given greater promise of a successful agricultural county than Keith, and real estate of kinds is bound to increase in value very rapidly during the next few months.

The season so far has been very propitious for all kinds of fall work. The weather is very fine, no snow having as yet fallen.

Our fellow townsman, J. J. Halligan recently elected county attorney, has just returned with his bride nee Miss Carrie Swansen of Nebraska City.

Also two of our geniel young business men, S. F. Hoxie and W. A. Beackmore, have recently assumed the role of benedicts, and settled down to the quietude of married life.

Theodore Tilton and Wife.

It is now nearly a score of years, says the Philadelphia Times, since a comely, graceful woman stood between the lace curtains that shaded the window of a lovely home in Brooklyn watching a slender, dark-haired man, who turned to wave his hand before passing out of sight. There was a smile on both faces as the hurrying feet of the pedestrian carried him around a corner and the woman leaned out of the window to watch his vanishing form. Two children played about her feet, and, so far as the ordinary eye could see, the house itself was the abode of domestic contentment, if not love. The dark-haired man was Theodore Tilton, and the woman, it is needless to add, was his wife; but what home has undergone a sadder and greater change in the same relentless time? After roaming from place to place the restless Tilton has settled down in Paris, where it is announced that he means to stay. In a lonely chamber of the Protestant convent at Newark Mrs. Tilton sits and sews from day to day, the gray light of November falling upon her furrowed face and lending an ashen color to her always pallid cheeks. Of the little girls that played at her feet that September morning in Brooklyn, one, Florence, is living a student's life in Switzerland, and the other has found a home among friends in Chicago. They say that Tilton expects to marry again, but the rumor is only a rumor. It is quite too late for him to retrieve his former errors, whatever they were, and he best serves himself by his dignified silence. For the other parties to the great controversy perhaps the same can also be charitably said. All the elements of a tragedy are contained in the affair, excepting the necessary death, and that is more than equaled by the unbroken silence which at least two of the principals maintain.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed Nov. 16, with the county clerk:

W L Selby et al to Joseph Glenn, lot 8, block 3, Rush & Selby's add w d—$350.

Ada P. Drake et al to Chris S Nelson, lot 3, block 8, Drake's add w d—$600.

Elwin M. Park and wife to Nathaniel Castenborder, lots 2 and 3, Park's sub w d—$1,200.

Swedish Lutheran mission synod to Swedish Lutheran congregation, part of lots 3 and 4, block 36, Omaha w d—$100.

Alexander S. Porter and wife to Elisha Atkins et al, lot 4, block 181, Omaha w d—$6,000.

Wm E Wright and wife to Albert S Billings, part of lots 28, 29, 31, Clark Place w d—$2,100.

Jeremiah Reed to Nellie O'Connor, s½ of lot 1, Thornell's add w d—$3,000.

August Berg and wife to Geo Ozle, lot 6, block 49, Platt Valley w d—$75.

C E Mayne and wife to Cora H Sloman, lots 26 and 27, Tuttle's sub w d—$4,000.

Henry A Kosters and wife to Burah Weissman, lot 2, in Woodlawn w d—$500.

Wm E Hawley and wife to Joe D Hadfield, undivid 1-5 of part of w½ of ne¼, 9, 14, 13, q c—$1,600.

Martin Cannon and wife to Wm Olsen, lot 1, block B, Lowe's 1st add w d—$650.

Wm E Hawley and wife to Henry B St John, undivid 1-5 of part of w½ of ne¼ 9, 14, 13, q c—$1,600.

Dennis Cunningham et al to Francis A Koon, lot 4, block 15, Hanscom Place w d—$1,200.

Henry F Hamann et al to Mary W Gaylord, lots 13 and 14, block 19, Hanscom Place w d—$5,200.

D L Thomas and wife to Edward V Lewis, lot 5, Van Camp & Eddy's sub w d—$875.

W L Selby et al to James Ainscow, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, block 1, Rush & Selby's add to S Omaha, q c—$1.

Everett G Ballou and wife to Samuel D McClellan, part of block 7, Ambler Place, block 7, w d—3,500.

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