

NEBRASKA TOWNS FLOODED

Blue and Nemaha Rivers Higher Than Known for Years.

NO TRAINS GET IN OR OUT OF BEATRICE

Many People Driven from Their Homes and Loss of Crops and Property Will Be Heavy.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 30.—(Special.)—The west bottoms of Lincoln are under water. Salt creek rose two feet last night and in one hour this afternoon it rose one inch. It has reached the high water mark of last year and is still rising.

From the report of Government Observer Loveland, since the first of the month 10.61 inches of rain has fallen in this city. This is the heaviest reported rainfall since 1858. Mr. Loveland made this report of rainfall for the month:

Table with 2 columns: Date (May 1-30) and Rainfall (inches). Total: 10.61 inches.

He stated that from the reports received from other districts tomorrow would be fair and that the rain was over.

All the residents of the flooded district have moved or been moved out and have been given shelter in the court house and various residences. About 1,000 people live in the district of whom are 100 students. Of these thirty families were taken from their homes last night and given shelter in the court house.

Early this morning a number of residents of the districts who had been driven from their homes broke open the doors of the Longfellow school house and took possession of the building. They claimed they pay taxes and have a right to take charge of the school house. They remained there unopposed.

Most of the livestock in the flooded district has been driven to the city park where it is quartered. Many calves and young stock were driven into the upper stories of the houses and their owners take food and drink to them in boats. In several instances owners carried their young stock through the water to safe retreats.

Like a Big Lake. West of the O street viaduct is a vast lake. Here and there a house is visible almost submerged. Only the roofs and a portion of the sides beneath the roofs can be seen of the smaller houses.

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being swept away. The river at this point is a raging sea and is a mile wide in places. The west and south parts of the town are under water and hundreds of families have been driven from their homes during the past twenty-four hours.

The flood extends four blocks west of the Court street bridge to the Chautauque business and residence portion of West Beatrice to the Chautauque grounds on the south side. The damage in this section of the city will be very heavy. As far as known no fatalities have occurred.

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The river has fallen about seven inches since noon. The west school buildings have been thrown open for the accommodation of the flood sufferers and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

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Twelve inches of rain has fallen during May, the heaviest fall of any month in the history of the county. About two-thirds of the corn in the county has been killed or is so badly injured that it will have to be replanted.

Small grain, meadows and pastures never looked better at this season of the year. Several bridges throughout the county are washed out and the public roads are in a horrible condition.

ELWOOD, Neb., May 30.—(Special.)—For thirty-six hours there has been a steady downpour of rain, deluging everything. The entire county is afloat. During the month of May eleven inches of water has fallen.

BOYS AND GIRLS GRADUATE High School Commencement Exercises in Many Towns of Nebraska.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 30.—(Special.)—A class of twenty-eight was graduated from the high school here tonight. Hon. E. J. Hainer of Aurora delivered an address on "The Opportunities and Obligations of the Graduate."

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DECORATE DESPITE THE DAMP

Veterans in Many Nebraska Towns Remember the Heroic Dead.

EXERCISES HELD UNDER COV.

In Plattsmouth Prudence Prevails and the Pilgrimage to the Graves is Postponed—Business is Generally Suspended.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 30.—(Special.)—Memorial services were held in Lincoln today, but the usual ceremonies were not carried out. Owing to the heavy rain and the muddy condition of the roads, it was impossible for the old soldiers to go to Wyuka cemetery as they proposed.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 30.—(Special.)—The Grand Army post and the Woman's Relief corps met in their hall this forenoon, but owing to the rain did not go to the cemetery to decorate the graves of the deceased veterans and members.

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THREE DIVORCES ARE GRANTED Three Other Cases Also Disposed of Before Floods Cause an Adjournment of Court.

FALLS CITY WANTS CARNIVAL Petition of Remonstrance Only Receives a Half Dozen Signatures.

BOUNTEOUS RAINS AID CROPS Sheridan County Sends Up a Shout of Joy—Crops All in and Are Doing Finely.

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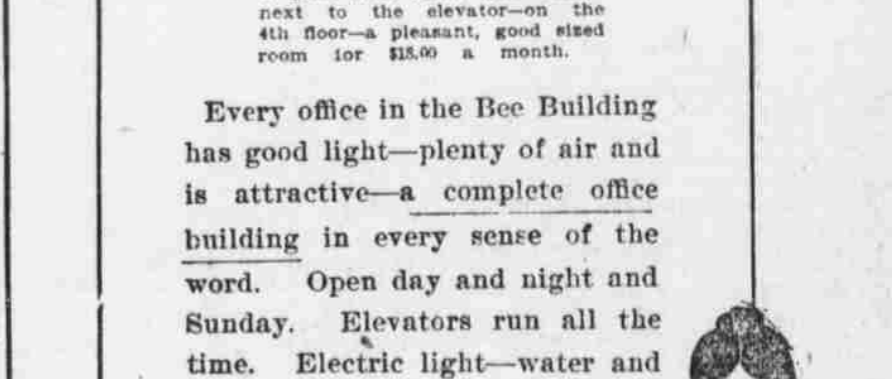
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