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TORNADO IN GAGE COUNTY

Storm Which Kills Two People Does Much Damage on Farms. MANY HEAD OF STOCK ARE KILLED

BEATRICE, Neb., June 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The correct list of those killed and injured in the tornado which visited this section yesterday afternoon is as follows: The dead: MRS. HARRIS, aged 81, mother of R. J. Harris. MISS HARRIS, aged 18. Seriously and probably fatally injured: R. J. Harris. Mrs. J. Harris. Slightly injured: Miss Ida Heaton. Miss Mattie Childers. A. Mast. Miss Mast. A strip of country ten miles long and two miles wide was devastated by the storm and scenes of desolation and destruction are apparent on every hand. No less than twenty farm houses were either partially or totally destroyed and a conservative estimate places the loss on buildings at least \$20,000. The wheat crop is damaged fully half, while only a few fields of corn were injured.

The tornado seemed to gather about four miles southwest of the city, and moving rapidly eastward it blew down the barns and outbuildings at the farm of H. H. Smith, four miles south. It next struck the farm of G. H. Hilton, demolishing the barn and moving the house from its foundation.

Three miles east the home of L. D. Hardenbrook was partially destroyed, and from there the storm visited the Robert Harris place, where it seemed to reach the height of its fury and where it killed three members of the Harris family and seriously injured two others. Not a splinter of the house or barn was left on the place.

Storm Reaches Holmestown. The storm passed in an easterly direction from the Harris farm to Holmestown, crossing the Blue river and demolishing everything in its path. The large flouring mill was unroofed and badly damaged, and numerous dwellings were moved from their foundations. Joseph Barnhart, a farmer, was at the mill when the storm came up. The team became unmanageable and ran half a mile from the wagon. The tornado picked up the team and wagon, whirled them through the air, and let them down several rods from the place. The horses were not killed, though they were seriously injured.

At the home of Rev. McAllister the barn was picked up and carried a distance of 100 yards, smashing it to splinters. Strange as it may seem, a horse and buggy were standing in the barn at the time the storm struck it, but the animal was not injured nor the buggy disturbed.

Much Stock Killed. The storm took a southeasterly course from Holmestown, the two-story house of Aaron Mast was the next in the path of the cyclone and it was completely demolished, together with the barn. In its fury the wind actually tore the blue grass from the sod and scattered it about the field. The family took refuge in the cellar and were saved, though Mrs. Mast was injured by falling timbers.

Stock in great numbers in the path of the storm was killed and a strip of country several miles wide was laid waste. It was by far the worst storm in the history of this section. But little damage resulted to crops north, east and west of this city, as scarcely any wind accompanied the hail.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A FAST TRAIN

Freight Crew Discovers Obstruction in Time to Prevent Accident. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Extra 184, with Hostler engineer and Kirch conductor, pulled out from here, going east, at 4:30 this morning. A short distance east of the river bridge obstructions were discovered on the track. They stopped the train and removed a pile of iron, hand saws and several pieces of rail. They notified the officials here and Railroad Detective Bowers and Policemen Robinson and Arbogast were started on the trail. The officers had trouble with tramps the night before, running several out of town. Those parties were suspected. Six of them were arrested at Maxwell by Constable Adams, the other six by officers in pursuit. The twelve were brought back to this city, when two of the gang signified a willingness to tell who the guilty parties were. Followed by the men, Belmont and Kling were said to have done the deed, and after being placed in the sweatbox for a short time they admitted their guilt and are now being held awaiting preliminary hearing. The two witnesses, Elen and Hays, are also in custody and will be held to give evidence against the accused. Their intention was to wreck No. 11, which reached here at 7 a. m., and only for the fact that the extra went east in time their desire would have been accomplished. The others arrested have been given their liberty today and released, and the men were discharged. Actual homesteaders, induced to bid for the land by the priest who is working to rescue the reds from the ruthless sharpers, secured the seven pieces of eighty acre each for from \$25 to \$45 per acre. The speculators have never paid more than \$10 to \$15 per acre. F. Bushman, F. Berker, J. Prinz and Theodore Steffen, all of Cedar county, Nebraska, were among the successful bidders. The next sale will be July 11, and Father Bohell promises to have plenty of bidders.

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Old Settlers at Bellevue.

BELLEVUE, Neb., June 29.—(Special.)—As this Fourth of July is the fiftieth anniversary of the first Independence day celebration held in the state of Nebraska, an occasion picturesquely described by an old settler as a time "when they had no preacher and no firewater." Last night the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Oratorio of Elijah," by the Old Settlers society, Prof. W. G. Reynolds, conductor, assisted by Mrs. Holyoke, soprano, Miss Robinson, contralto, George Johnston, tenor, all of Lincoln, and Conard J. Aller, bass, of Crete, was the greatest and most successful musical event Crete has ever witnessed. This morning the graduation exercises occurred in the Congregational church. The alumni banquet was held in the Masonic hall at 1:30 and the final event, the president's reception, was held at 8 o'clock this evening.

May Enjoins Humboldt's Council.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., June 29.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the city council, on Tuesday evening last, they made the annual levy for municipal purposes the same as it has been for a number of years, 35 mills, the limit under the law. This has brought forth a protest from many of the taxpayers, who claim that under the new revenue law this amount will not be needed and point to the increase of 40 per cent in the valuation of both real and personal property in the city, as found by the assessor, this year over last. An injunction is threatened by some of the heavy taxpayers.

Charged with Horse Stealing.

PAPILLION, Neb., June 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Pickell, supposed to be from Omaha, is in jail here as a suspicious character. He is thought to be the man who stole a horse and buggy from a lawyer named Heacock at Springfield about three weeks ago. He drove into town today with a horse hitched to a drag,

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special rates to Omaha over the Union Pacific for the students sing. They were principally Swedes.

News of Nebraska. FAIRBURY, June 29.—James Blair living near Fowler, this county, was killed Monday evening by being thrown from his buggy by his horse running away. He was over 70 years of age and had resided in this county about thirty-five years, living on the same farm where he first settled.

HUMBOLDT, June 29.—Alvah Walker, the traveling man who was injured by being thrown from a way car at the depot last Friday, has recovered from his hurts, which were not very serious, and his physician states that he will be able to go to his home at Weeping Water in a few days.

PAPILLION, June 29.—At the annual school meeting in Papillion the old board was re-elected and a levy of 25 mills was voted to meet the expenses of the current year. Prof. Siothower of Osceola has been elected to the position of principal of the Papillion school and with his family has moved here.

PAPILLION, June 29.—Last night thieves from the railroad, who were led by George Robn, near Papillion and stole a wagon load of vegetables. Wagon tracks were plainly discernible and it is thought the thieves were from South Omaha. Several minor thefts have been reported also at different places.

HUMBOLDT, June 29.—The annual school meeting of the district was held last evening at a levy of 25 mills was voted for expenses the coming year. A nine-month term was also voted. Dr. W. G. Garver and Irvin Shibley chosen as members of the Board of Education. The school term will begin on the 1st of August.

OSCEOLA, June 29.—The following have been elected and installed to preside over the destinies of Osceola Lodge, No. 86, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, for the ensuing Masonic year: S. Snyder, worshipful master; H. Hall, senior warden; W. D. Hartman, junior warden; C. L. M. Shaw, senior deacon; W. F. Brant, junior deacon; Rev. Knox Boyde, chaplain; H. Hay and Charles Gryling, stewards. The usual banquet was held after the close of the installation ceremonies.

FAIRBURY, June 29.—The assessed value of Jefferson county is as follows: Lands, \$2,654,864, an increase over 1903 of 81 per cent; town lots, \$54,800, increase 62 per cent; personal property, \$62,925, increase 81 per cent; total assessed value, \$2,772,589, increase 81 per cent. The average increase is 98 per cent or 1 per cent more than the increase of railroad values. Crop average is: Corn, 100,722 acres; wheat, 25,167 acres; rye, 608 acres; oats, 28,996 acres; millet and sorghum, 4,111 acres; alfalfa, 2,974 acres; other tame grasses, 1,150 acres. Of live stock there are horses and mules, 3,889; cattle, 26,064; hogs, 27,318; sheep, 7,158.

Nebraska Educator Goes North. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 29.—(Special.)—Sioux Falls college, beginning with the commencement of the new school year, will have a new president in the person of Rev. E. F. Jordan, Ph. D., of Fremont, Neb. He will succeed President Finch, who recently tendered his resignation. The attendance at the college during the last three or four years has grown and the indications are that the coming year will witness a still greater increase. The new president comes highly recommended and it is expected he will make the college one of the most flourishing institutions of learning in the state.

Tornado in Wyoming. MOORCROFT, Wyo., June 29.—(Special.)—A tornado visited this section Monday and did considerable damage in a narrow strip of country through which it passed. A Mrs. Deekin, living on Mush creek, and an unknown woman were injured. Trees were uprooted, houses and barns unroofed and other damage done. A Burlington passenger train escaped injury by making a fast run ahead of the tornado.

Heavy Frost at Inder. LANDER, Wyo., June 29.—(Special.)—A heavy frost visited this section Monday night and caused thousands of dollars damage to the vegetables, berry and fruit crops. Everything that was not covered

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traded the drag for a buggy and sold the buggy for 50 cents. He sold the horse at a ridiculously low figure, and was picked up by the officers. Heacock will come from Springfield in the morning to see if Pickell is the man who worked for him and later put out with the rig.

BEATRICE TO PROSPECT FOR GAS Will Organize Stock Company to Test Gage County Land.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 29.—(Special.)—It is a settled fact that Beatrice will go after gas and oil with determination. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Beatrice Commercial club last night the special committee appointed recently to obtain the cost of stinking wells to prospect for gas or oil, made an encouraging report, with the result that active steps in the matter are to be taken at once. The following were appointed a committee to start the organization of a stock company for the purpose of prospecting for gas or oil: J. E. Smith, D. W. Cook, F. E. Morrison, Dr. C. A. Bradley, A. H. Kidd. Articles of incorporation will be drafted and a meeting will be called, at which subscriptions will be asked for the capital stock of the company that is to undertake the work.

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New Depot for Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., June 29.—(Special Telegram.)—It is now an assured fact that the Burlington road will erect a new depot here. E. M. Westervelt, right-of-way agent for the Burlington, visited the city today and gave out the information that the company had decided to erect a new station on the vacant lots just south of where the present depot now stands. Plans for the building are being prepared by Thomas Kimball, an Omaha architect, and Mr. Westervelt stated that the work on the structure would be commenced in about thirty days.

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