

DAMAGE WROUGHT BY STORM

Torrential Rains Flood Nebraska and Delay Train Service.

LIGHTNING HITS SKYSCRAPER

Union Pacific Building is Damaged and Other Pranks Are Played by the Electrically Charged Air.

A rain storm of rather violent proportions swept over Nebraska during Monday night, damaging trees, crops in some places, and making streets and roads almost impassable.

The rains extended all over the state of Nebraska and into Colorado and Wyoming. The precipitation varied from one to three inches.

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Streets Like Rivers. At 2 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, with a terrific downpour of rain flooding the town, half a dozen fire companies in the north part of the city battled against the heavy roads to get their paraphernalia to the scene of a major blaze at Thirty-eighth and Fowler streets.

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At 2 o'clock a pole at Thirteenth and Farnam streets, in front of the Pope drug store, was struck by lightning, and half an hour later another bolt struck the sidewalk a few inches from the same pole.

During the storm lightning struck the stone coping on the extreme top of the northwest corner of the Union Pacific building. An instant later a section of stone some six feet long and two feet thick came tumbling down, crushing a hole in the pavement in the alley and the sidewalk abutting. The stone torn out by the lightning is estimated to weigh about one ton and falling from the height of almost 300 feet crushed the sidewalk and pavement as if it had been the shell of an egg.

Owing to the heavy rains passenger trains from the south were one and two hours late. There were no washouts, but trainmen say that down along the Missouri river bottoms the whole country is flooded. The low lands are lakes and all of the small streams are out of their banks.

Up to 7 o'clock this morning the rain in the Omaha gauge registered 2.5 inches. After that time another heavy rain poured over half an hour between 7 and 8 o'clock. There was perhaps not a spot in the state that did not share in the general downpour.

Inches of rainfall from the various stations up to 7 o'clock yesterday morning were officially reported as follows: Omaha, 2.51; Lincoln, .50; Ashland, 1.10; Holdrege, .80; Hastings, 1.40; Kearney, .70; Columbus, 1.37; Hartington, .50; Culbertson, 1.27; Valentine, .44; Tekamah, 1.13; North Platte, .60; Grand Island, 1.07; Fairmont, .18; Oakdale, .30.

Heavy Downpour Delays Westgard. Owing to the heavy rains of last night it is uncertain whether A. L. Westgard will not arrive in Omaha tonight as he had planned. Mr. Westgard is laying out the transcontinental route for the government and the American Automobile association.

Shorten Vacations and End School Year Earlier. President E. Holovtchiner of the board of education believes the Easter season vacation ought to be eliminated and the Christmas vacation shortened so that schools could dismiss June 1 each year instead of June 15.

Assignments Checked by Early Payment. Registrars who served at the first registration day this year will be paid at the office of the city comptroller today. Their warrants have been prepared. Such warrants as these and all others issued by the city will hereafter be prepared as soon as possible.

Great Western Tracks Partly Under Water. Water axle-deep on the Great Western tracks out of Council Bluffs is reported by travelers from Harlan, who reached Omaha yesterday. Their train crew, in rubber boots, went ahead of the train, testing the track to make sure it would bear weight and cars. Seventeen miles from Council Bluffs a small washout was encountered, but after some little delay it was possible for the train to proceed.

Hoops, My Dear, Would Be Killjoy to Brash Mashers



"Smash the masher," says Police Magistrate Foster. "I'll see that smash and I'll raise you a couple more," replies Chief of Police Henry Dunn.

"My hat's in the ring. I call those three smasher smashes. What have you two got?" This last by Police Matron Gibbons.

Judge Foster and Chief Dunn prove traitorous to their sex and it remains for Mrs. Gibbons to haul more man out of the mire. Here is the wheeze. Now see if the matron is right, but look out for the steam roller.

Judge Foster: "The next fellow to spring that 'Woman, lovely woman, you're the cause of all our sins' stuff in my court gets the coop for the big sit. That old stuff that Adam pulled 'em out of 'em' don't go either. I maintain that a masher don't know enough to pour water out of a boot if the directions were printed on the heel."

Chief Dunn: "Adam was the first real masher, but he had a reason to read Eve the high sign. She had his rib. Then too, the styles in women's clothing were somewhat different from what they are nowadays. I think short skirts are all right, but really the girls ought to wear heavy woolen hose like grandmother used to wear. Mashing is all the fault of the rising generation of boys."

Police Matron Gibbons: "Mashing is the fault of the girl to a great degree, although I know of cases where a good thrashing would teach some youths common decency. If a girl knows to be working behind a counter wears flimsy silk hose worth \$3 a pair; a short, tight-fitting skirt and a peek-a-boo waist, she need not think that the male population is going to injure its eyesight by wearing blinders. Lots of perfectly respectable girls make up like burlesque chorus kickers, and invite the men to make remarks. Let a girl fix up her hair in paper curls, wear a hoop skirt and a long sleeve waist and see how many mashers come near. 'Hoops, my dear, that's it!'"

Despite Mrs. Gibbons noble effort in behalf of the sterner sex, the quality of mercy is sure going to be strained in the police court unless mashing on the streets ceases.

VOTERS TURNING TO TAFT President's Strength in Nebraska is Daily Growing Greater.

FARMERS SHY OF BULL MOOSE Prosperity a Factor and Uncertainty of Change of Administration Make Republicans Unwilling to Switch.

J. H. Culver of Milford, who was acting chairman of the republican state central committee, was in Omaha yesterday for the meeting of the committee at the Hotel Rome. Mr. Culver says the republicans changed their headquarters from Lincoln to Omaha this year on account of the unfriendly attitude and persistent misrepresentation of the papers in Lincoln.

"At headquarters at the fair grounds we came in contact with the farmers, country merchants and business men generally. Many said they had been in doubt, but now felt the only safe plan is the reelection of President Taft. They could see no reason for changing prosperous times for an uncertainty, especially to satisfy the ambition of one man. The farmers are looking for improved stock and better prices than ever before, and believe it their duty to themselves as well as to their country to stay by the regular nominees of the republican party."

"The main effort of the state committee is now directed toward giving the voter an opportunity to exercise his choice for president through electors that shall appear on the ticket under their proper head."

"Some of our leading republicans have been quoted as saying that if they were obliged to choose between Roosevelt and Wilson they would choose the latter as being the safer man to vote for. But there is no necessity of that for the reason that the gain has been at least 25 per cent in favor of Taft since the organization of the third party, and changes are being rapidly made throughout the country with flattering indications that the president will be re-elected with a large majority. Vermont and certainly Maine returns indicate that, but there are many other and greater reasons why I feel confident that he will be safely elected."

Water Main Case Argued. Arguments in the suit of Michael J. Ney and other Twenty-eighth avenue property owners to restrain the city from laying the new 48-inch water main on Twenty-eighth avenue were heard by Judge A. C. Troup of the equity division of the district court.

Judge Troup took the matter under advisement, saying he would rule within forty-eight hours on the matter of a temporary restraining order. If the order is granted, time will be set for hearings on temporary injunction and permanent injunction applications.

Contention of Attorneys. A. W. Jeffers, attorney for Twenty-eighth avenue people, argued that after having the main on Twenty-seventh street, the Water board had no authority to be influenced by the city council and supplement its order by changing to Twenty-eighth avenue, especially when the new route would cost about \$17,000 more than the original, and would be so circuitous and angular as to reduce the value of the main, diminishing the pressure and necessitating increased fuel cost at the pumping station.

Corporation Counsel Ben S. Baker for the city contended that the city council has a legal right to withhold or grant permits for the use of streets, and when the Water board is the applicant, and the council, therefore, has absolute right to deny a permit to lay the main in Twenty-seventh street and grant one for Twenty-eighth avenue.

Water Board's Position. John L. Webster, attorney for the Water board, said all the plans for laying the main in Twenty-eighth avenue now have been made. Water Commissioner Howell had told him, and he believed that if the court should make any order necessitating changing of these plans it would necessitate unavoidable delay that would prevent the completion of the main before next summer, working great hardship to all the people. Fall and winter are coming on and the work must be done with no delay if it is to be finished before cold weather stops work on the improvement.

Most Wonderful Healing. After suffering many years with a sore, Amos King, Fort Byron, N. Y., was cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. 3c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Some Sensible Advice on Womanly Beauty. Healthy hair adds much to womanly beauty, and it is such an easy matter to have a glorious mass of lovely hair that the dull, 'stringy' kind is inexcusable. A teaspoonful castor oil dissolved in a cup of water removes every particle of dust, dandruff and excess oil, and after rinsing, the hair dries quickly and evenly. Canthox shampoos promote hair health and insure a wealth of lustrous, even-colored young-looking hair.

Remove tan and freckles and keep the skin clear, velvety and attractive for the social season by daily applying a lotion prepared by stirring two teaspoonfuls of glycerine into one-half pint witch hazel (or hot water) then adding four ounces spumax. This lotion is used instead of face powder and though invisible, tones the skin to a beautiful, natural color while curing tan, sunburn, freckles, surface blemishes and the oily, shiny appearance of the face, so often due to perspiration. Adv.

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Four Piano Houses Close With a Bang!



Last week we closed four more of our Branch Houses, located at Grand Island, Lexington, Kearney and Central City, Neb. Each one of these houses carried a large stock of Pianos, which we have shipped to our Omaha salesroom, where we can give the sale our personal attention for quick disposal.

Never before have prices been so low. We hope they never will be again. But necessity compels it. Our floors are crowded. You reap the benefits. Make it a pleasant winter for the children. This sale is the final word. Are you going to take advantage of it?

ENTIRE STOCK OF FOUR HOUSES WENT ON SALE MONDAY MORNING

Table listing piano models and prices, such as \$225 Steck Upright, \$250 Estey Upright, \$275 Mendelssohn Upright, etc.

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DENT'S Toothache Gum advertisement with illustration of a woman's face and a bottle of gum.

FRY'S SHOE CO. advertisement featuring a woman's shoe and text: 'Wonderful Debut of Our New Fall Styles'.

Chalmers 1913 Motor Cars advertisement: 'Immediate Delivery Chalmers 1913 MOTOR CARS Made in Chalmers Shops'.

JETTER BREWING CO. advertisement: 'That means good health and strength, because it's made right by the best of brewers and it is kept right in Sterilized Amber Bottles'.

ATTENDANCE SHOWS GAIN Last Year's Enrollment Exceeded in Public Schools by 788.

SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED Central and Lothrop Buildings Are Filled Far Beyond Capacity and Drastic Measures Will Be Taken.

An increased enrollment of 788 in the city schools over the enrollment last year has crowded Central and Lothrop buildings far beyond capacity and the board of education is in a dilemma, being unable to distribute the extra pupils in adjacent schools, which are also filled to capacity.

In Central school 590 have enrolled. This building has twelve rooms and each room has a capacity of forty pupils, the enrollment therefore being 400 above capacity.

A similar condition exists at Lothrop, which is an eighteen room building. On the first day of school 86 pupils enrolled and more will enroll before the first semester is gone.

The increase is principally in the kindergarten and the lower grades. The additional pupils this year are distributed among all the schools.

High School Falls Off. The enrollment at the high school this year is \$65 below the enrollment last year, which is accounted for by the large enrollment at the high school of commerce, where many high school pupils will attend.

The total enrollment in all school the first day of school this year was 16,391, against 15,168 last year.

Following is the enrollment in each school: High school of commerce, 327; Lake, 749; High school, 413; Bancroft, 348; Long, 711; Heals, 270; Lothrop, 555; Cass, 487; Mason, 338; Castellor, 173; Miller Park, 139; Central, 120; Monmouth Park, 435; Central Park, 355; Pacific, 431; Clifton Hill, 291; Park, 554; Columbian, 301; Saunders, 322; Druid Hill, 154; Sherman, 119; Dupont, 158; Train, 472; Edw. Rosewater, 221; Vinton, 329; Farnam, 490; Walnut Hill, 242; Franklin, 493; Webster, 619; Howrd Kennedy, 544; Windsor, 451.

Superintendent Graf expects to start night schools about the last of October. Last year these night schools were conducted at Kellom and Comenius. This year it is planned to open them at other buildings.

Children between the ages of 14 and 15 years are compelled to attend night school if they do not attend the day session. Those above 14 may attend.

Albert Law Cuts Some Figure in a Real Estate Deal

Action to annul a contract to purchase a rooming house on the ground that it is a place of questionable character was started by Wilbert L. Bally of Los Angeles, against Jacob and Sarah Slobos, also of Los Angeles, in the Douglas county district court yesterday.

The property in question is located on the second lot west of Seventeenth street, on the north side of Cass street.

Bally alleges that he contracted to purchase the building and lot for \$10,000, making a cash payment of \$300. Altogether he had paid \$2,675, when the place was raised as a place of resort for immoral purposes, and Bally as owner was made defendant in an Albert law prosecution. He asserts that when the sale was negotiated the defendants gave him to understand that the building was being used as a reputable rooming house, and had he known there was any possibility of such developments as came he would not have contracted to buy it. He wants his money returned and the contract annulled.

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