

### SPLENDID RAIN BREAKS DROUGHT AND HEAT SPELL

All of Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa Relieved by Downfall of Goodly Depth.

OVER AN INCH IN OMAHA  
Railroad Men Say That it Will Be Worth Over Fifty Million to Corn Crop.

### STILL RAINS IN SECTIONS

Sweetest music fell upon the ears of such Omahans as were awake at or after 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

It was the music of the little rain drops drumming upon the roofs, splashing against the windows, swishing among the treetops, pattering in the puddles.

The month's drought was broken. July had gone into history as the driest Omaha ever recorded. And when August was only two hours old the rain began.

The rainfall here was .88 of an inch up to 7 a. m. And enough fell after that to make the total fall well over an inch. Other parts of the state were drenched even more. Storms reported 2.15 inches and Lincoln reported 1.88 inches, with rain still falling. Only two out of twenty weather stations in the state reported no rain.

Early reports to railroads Tuesday morning indicated good general rains through the eastern half of the state. The Burlington reports on the Omaha and Lincoln divisions showed that the rain extended as far west as Hastings and Grand Island. The different stations reported widely differing amounts, but with the exception of O'Neill all reported some rain.

It was the first rain since the Fourth of July, after almost a solid month of unbroken drought with blistering heat. It is believed that this morning's rain will be worth many millions of dollars to the farmers of the Missouri valley.

### Worth Fifty Million.

"A fine rain, covering all the rain belt of Nebraska," was the way in which E. W. H. Jones, division freight agent of the Northwestern line, commented on the crop saving downpour.

"I figure that it means a 100,000,000 bushels of corn at 50 cents a bushel," said L. W. Wakeley of the Burlington. It came just in time to save the crop, and while we will not have a 100 per cent crop, we will have a splendid big crop. I think Nebraska is about the most favored spot on God's green earth this year.

Good soaking rains were reported all along the Missouri-Kansas line from Omaha to the Kansas line. E. P. Hennessey, commercial agent for the Rock Island, said that he had just heard from the agents along the line to Fairbury, and that not a station had missed a good rain, and that most of them were either enjoying a rain or had one in prospect.

The heaviest rain reported was at Beaver Crossing, on the Northwestern, where the agent reported four inches. From Gresham to York, on the Northwestern, the average rainfall was in the neighborhood of two and one-quarter inches.

### Torrential Rains Hamper Operation of Army Motor Trains

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 1.—Three days of torrential rains in the Casas Grandes valley have hampered operation of the army truck line to the American field base at Colonia Dublan greatly, according to reports here today by truck men. However, the drivers asserted the command has ample supplies.

Other reports indicated that small Carranza forces, which operated south and west of the American lines in the El Valle district, have withdrawn, apparently to enter the bandit campaign along the Chihuahua-Durango border.

With the arrival of 500,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, daily target practice has become a routine of the American troops in Mexico.

### GERMANS BEGIN EVACUATION OF KOVEL FORTRESS

Count Von Rothmer's Army in Galicia is Reported to be Practically Surrounded by the Russian Army.

COSSACKS MAKE A DASH  
Divisions from Body Said to Have Destroyed Railroads in Austrian Rear.

### LEMBERG IS THREATENED

London, Aug. 1.—General Count Von Bothmer's army is reported to be almost enveloped by the Russians in Galicia, says a dispatch from Rome to the wireless press. Cossack divisions after the occupation of Brody are said to have destroyed the railways behind the Austrian army.

The Germans are withdrawing from Kovel their heavy artillery, food and munitions depots, says another dispatch from Rome to the Wireless press. The city of Vladimir-Volynsky in Volhynia, is said to have been completely evacuated by the Germans.

Ready to Evacuate Lemberg, Telegrams from Vienna says that the Austro-Hungarians have made all preparations for the evacuation of Lemberg, the Galician capital, says a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company. Large quantities of goods have been removed from the city.

The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna says it learns that a large number of the inhabitants of Lemberg have already left the place.

Counter Attacks Repulsed. Petrograd, Aug. 1.—(Via London.)—Russian troops at the bend of the Stokhod river, in the region of the village of Velickukuchary, forced the Austro-Germans back and fought their way through to a point west of this line, it was officially announced by the Russian war department today.

All Teutonic counter attacks in the Kovel and Lutsk regions, the statement adds, were repulsed by the Russians.

Russ Control Stokhod River. Petrograd, Aug. 1.—(Via London.)—With General Kaledin's army in full control of the Stokhod river, which has been the chief obstacle to the westward progress of the northern wing of the Russian forces under command of General Brusiloff and the troops of General Sakharoff driving the Austrian army command westward from Brody, the Russians now are well advanced in the campaign against the two important centers of Kovel and Lemberg.

The Russian offensive conducted in both these directions has been so vigorous and unrelenting that the Austro-Germans apparently have been in a predicament, not knowing from which point to spare troops to reinforce the defense of some other part of the front. The result has been that the Germans are exclusively occupied with the defense of Kovel, while Von Boehm-Edmoll's army, without assistance, has been mainly striving to protect the roads to Lemberg.

Damage to Cotton Crop is More Than One Million Bales

Washington, Aug. 1.—Heavy damage to the growing cotton crop between June 25 and July 25 has caused a reduction of 1,350,000 bales in the prospective production. The August cotton report of the department announced today indicates the production of 12,916,000, equivalent to 500-pound bales, compared with 14,266,000 forecast for the condition of the crop June 25. The condition during the month dropped 8.8 per cent, to 72.3 of normal.

Condition of the growing cotton crop on July 25 indicates a total production of 12,916,000, equivalent to 500-pound bales, the Department of Agriculture today announced in its August cotton report. That compares with 14,266,000 bales forecast last month by the bureau of crop estimates basing its calculations on the condition of the crop on June 25, and with 11,918,820 bales, last year's final production, 16,134,930 in 1914, 14,156,486 in 1913 and 12,703,421 bales in 1912. The final output, however, will be larger or smaller than above forecast, according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions.

Condition of the crop on July 25 as compiled from reports of agents and correspondents in the cotton belt was placed at 72.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 81.1 per cent on June 25, 75.4 per cent on July 25 last year, 76.4 per cent in 1914 and 78.5 per cent, the ten-year average on July 25.

New York, Aug. 1.—A sensational rapid advance of about \$1.75 per bale followed the publication of the government cotton crop report in the market here today. Just before the official condition of 72.3 per cent against 81.1 last month, and the ten-year average of 78.5 was published, a canvass of local exchange members indicated an average expectation of 76.5 per cent, and the government report was also far below the most bullish of recent private figures.

Two More Retail Stores Will Close at 6 O'Clock

Beaton & Laier and the Matthews book store are two more retailers added to the list of those who have reported to the secretary of the Associated Retailers that they will close at 6 o'clock on Saturday night during August.

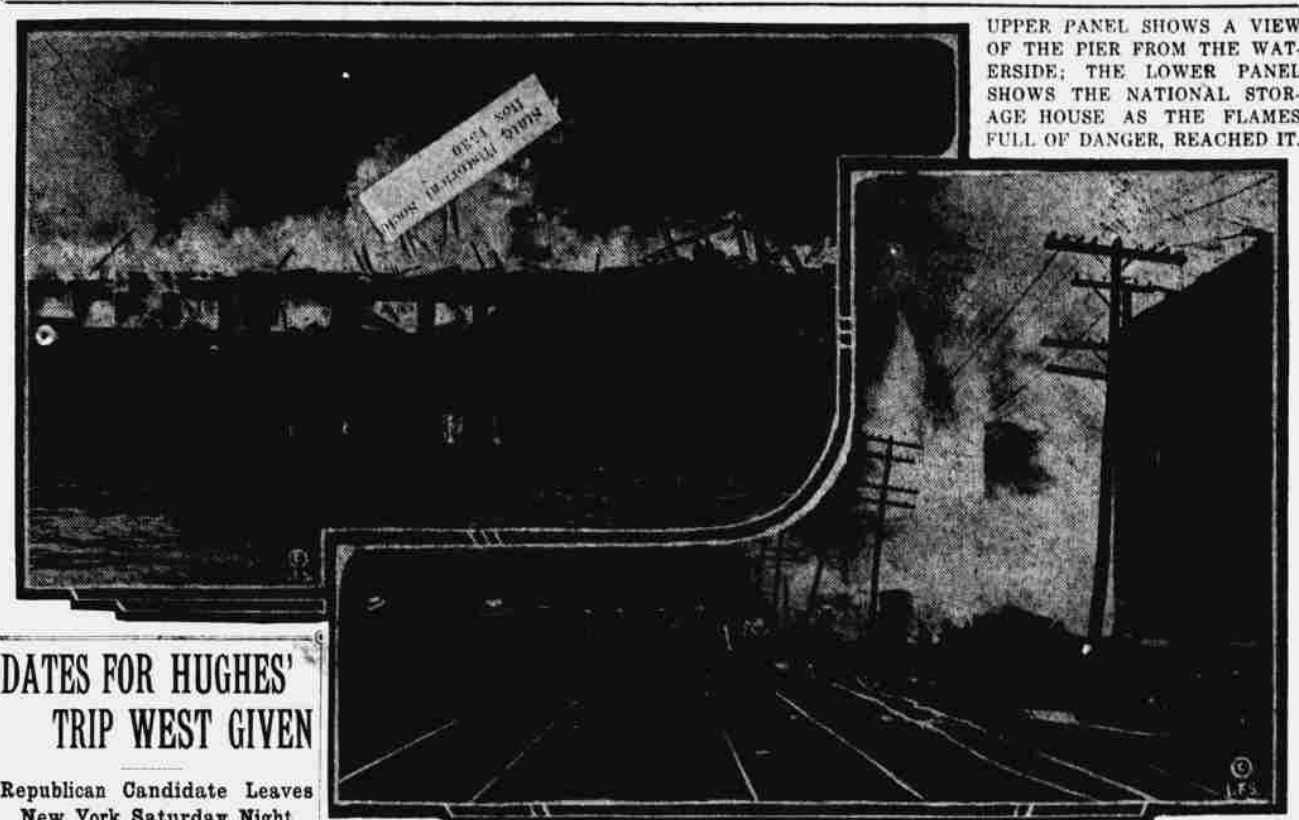
British Steamer Has Fight With Subsea

Montreal, Quebec, Aug. 1.—The British steamer Clodmoor, just in port from Genoa, Italy, had a battle in the Mediterranean sea with a German or Austrian submarine, its commander, Charles Hunter, reported today. He believes he left the submarine in a sinking condition.

New York Bank to Open Branches in Russia

Washington, Aug. 1.—Permission has been granted by the Federal Reserve board to the National City bank of New York to open a branch at Petrograd, Russia, and establish sub-branches throughout Russia, it was announced today.

### TWO VIEWS OF THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION ON BLACK TOM ISLAND, where millions of dollars' worth of stored ammunition were destroyed by fire and much property damage and loss of life resulted from the exploding shells and other destructive agents. These graphic photographs were rushed to The Bee from the scene of the disaster in New York.



UPPER PANEL SHOWS A VIEW OF THE PIER FROM THE WATER-SIDE; THE LOWER PANEL SHOWS THE NATIONAL STORAGE HOUSE AS THE FLAMES FULL OF DANGER, REACHED IT.

### DATES FOR HUGHES' TRIP WEST GIVEN

Republican Candidate Leaves New York Saturday Night for Pacific Coast.

VACATION IN ESTES PARK

New York, Aug. 1.—The itinerary of the trip that Charles E. Hughes will make to the Pacific coast was officially announced today as follows: Leave New York Saturday evening, August 5, spend Sunday at Niagara Falls. Leave there Monday, August 7 for Detroit, where there will be two evening meetings.

Leave Detroit Tuesday morning, August 8, for Chicago, where there will be an evening meeting. Leave Chicago that night for St. Paul and Minneapolis, where two evening meetings will be held Wednesday, August 9.

Thursday, August 10, a morning meeting will be held in Grand Forks, N. D., and a night meeting at Fargo, N. D. Friday, August 11, the entire day will be spent in transit to Helena, Mont., where a day meeting will be held Saturday, August 12.

Sunday in Spokane. Sunday, August 13, will be spent in Spokane, Wash., and Monday morning, August 14, an automobile trip will be taken into Idaho, where a morning address will be made at Coeur d'Alene. An evening meeting will be held in Spokane, with the departure at night for Tacoma and Seattle. A day meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15, in Tacoma and an evening meeting in Seattle.

Wednesday, August 16, an evening meeting will be held in Portland and in the early morning, August 17, departure will be made for San Francisco, where an evening meeting will be held August 18. The following day, Saturday, August 19, will be spent in San Francisco and early that evening departure will be made for Los Angeles, arriving there early Sunday morning, August 20.

The entire of Sunday will be spent at Los Angeles and an evening meeting will be held in Los Angeles Monday, August 21.

Departure will then be made for Los Angeles and an evening meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23.

August 24 a day meeting will be held in Ogden, Utah, and an evening meeting will be held at Salt Lake City. A night meeting will be held Friday, August 25, in Cheyenne; Saturday, August 26, an evening meeting will be held in Denver.

Vacation in Estes Park. Departure will be made that evening for Estes Park, Colo., where arrival will be made early Sunday morning. From Sunday, August 27, to Friday, September 1, a vacation period will be had in Estes Park.

The evening of September 1, departure will be made for Denver, where a few hours will be spent, and Saturday, September 2, there will be a talk in Topeka, Kan., for one hour in the afternoon and an evening meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

Departure for St. Louis will be made late Saturday evening and Sunday will be spent in St. Louis. An evening meeting will be held in St. Louis Monday, September 4, and departure will then be made for Lexington, Ky., where an afternoon meeting will be held September 5. Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7, will be in transit to Maine, where arrival will be made in Portland about noon, September 7.

The trip provides for rest Sunday instead of traveling. With only one or two exceptions, in order to make connections, the trip will be made by regular trains.

### MRS. HELEN DRESHER DIES OF INJURIES

Advanced Age and Shock of Auto Accident at Clarinda Prove Fatal.

AL DRESHER IMPROVING

Mrs. Helen Drescher, injured in the automobile accident near Clarinda, Ia., Sunday, when the car of her son, Al Drescher, plunged over a twenty-foot embankment, died at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Clarinda hospital.

Mrs. Drescher's advanced age, 66 years, rendered her injuries more serious than they would have been if sustained by a younger person, and she failed to rally from the shock.

She was the widow of S. S. Drescher, pioneer Omaha business man, and had been making her home at the Drescher family residence, 2522 Jones street, with her unmarried daughter, Louise.

She is survived by four sons and two daughters, all of Omaha, and all of whom were at Clarinda when she died.

One son, Al Drescher, was seriously injured in the accident, but is believed to be improving, it was reported at Clarinda last night. The other sons are: Charles, J. D., and Sam, jr., and the daughters are Miss Louise Drescher and Mrs. Glenn Smith of Omaha.

Definite funeral arrangements have not been made. It is probable that only private services will be held for the present, and that the body will be placed in a receiving vault until Al Drescher is able to attend final services.

### Two Bombs Exploded Under Building of Jewish Daily Press

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Two bombs, believed to have been made of dynamite, were exploded this morning under the building of the Jewish Daily Press, whose publisher, A. M. Liebling, was a witness for the state in the recent trial of a score of labor leaders charged with conspiracy here.

At the time of the trial Mr. Liebling said that his life had been threatened because he told the grand jury what he knew of the methods of the labor union representatives.

The bombs were placed near the front door of the building. Mr. Liebling, his wife and three children were thrown from their beds on the second floor of the building. A night watchman also narrowly escaped injury.

### Text of Hughes' Address to The Women's Roosevelt League

New York, Aug. 1.—Charles E. Hughes, the republican presidential nominee, this afternoon addressed the Women's Roosevelt league, saying:

"It is an especial pleasure to meet you this afternoon and to recognize the very deep interest that you feel in this campaign. I am particularly glad to have the support of this organization. It bears the name of a great American. It bears the name of one who has very recently brought the whole country to a sense of its obligation and aroused a very deep feeling with regard to some of our most important concerns. I welcome the support of the Roosevelt league in this campaign."

"This is a campaign in which I am sure women cannot fail to take a very profound interest. They, if there can be any comparison in such a matter, feel more keenly, perhaps, than anyone else with respect to the national honor and the importance of its maintenance to our proper preparation and to our security; and, further, that organization in our life in all its activities which will give us an American going forward to meet the responsibilities which are to be upon us after this war is over."

"I note that you represent a very strong feeling with regard to our re-

### FIND BODIES OF MRS. LETNER AND LARSON

Recovered From Missouri River's Waters at Nebraska City.

IDENTIFIED BY SWIFT

Nebraska City, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Mrs. Gertrude Letner, one of the five victims of the early Sunday morning automobile accident near La Platte, was found floating in the Missouri river at this point shortly after noon today by Willis Hikes, a fisherman. Within an hour of the finding of the body of Mrs. Letner, Taylor McGuire landed the body of Harold Larson, another victim of the accident, about a mile below the city.

The coroner, H. G. Carstens, had the bodies removed to the morgue, where they were identified late this afternoon by Thomas F. Swift the only survivor of the accident, who arrived here at 4 o'clock, accompanied by T. H. Mynster, brother of Mrs. Letner, and Mr. Kiddon. Both bodies were in a badly decomposed state and identification was made through wearing apparel. The bodies will be sent to Omaha Wednesday. A sharp lookout is being kept for the other victims of the accident.

'Frisco Creditors Attack Recent Sale of System

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 1.—A petition attacking the recent sale at foreclosure of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and asking that the court withhold approval of the sale until unsecured creditors are provided for was filed in the federal district court here today.

The suit was filed by bondholders of the Cape Girardeau & Northern railway, which was sold to the 'Frisco system a short time before the latter went into receivership. 'Frisco bonds were given in payment for the Cape Girardeau & Northern, but the receivers refused to recognize the purchase as valid, as it had not received the sanction of the stockholders.

The petition says that in the reorganization, stockholders of the old 'Frisco system receive stock and bonds in the new. It is claimed that creditors should come first, and that before the foreclosure sale of the 'Frisco is approved, creditors should receive the value of their claims.

### URGE EMBARGO UPON MUNITIONS

Egan and Hamill of New Jersey Will Offer Bill Prohibiting Shipments of Explosives.

TO APPLY TO ATLANTIC

New York, Aug. 1.—Representatives John J. Egan and James Hamill of New Jersey announced this afternoon at the conclusion of a conference of city, county, state and federal officials about the Black Tom munitions explosion that they would go to Washington tomorrow, accompanied by Mayor Fagan of Jersey City, to demand an embargo on the export of munitions from Atlantic coast ports.

Representative Egan said he would introduce a resolution in the house asking for an immediate embargo, and Representative James Hamill said that he was framing a bill of similar design, but refused to disclose its exact nature.

Before The Commission. The three men will also go before the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington tomorrow, they said, and demand the adoption by the commission of stringent regulations pending remedial legislation for the removal of immediate danger from the storage of high explosives at this port.

Representatives of the federal district attorney's office of New York and New Jersey attended the conference, but said there was nothing to show that federal laws had been violated in the transportation or storage of the explosives which caused Sunday's disaster.

Another Arrest Made. The fourth arrest growing out of the separate inquiries underway was made today when E. L. MacKenzie, president of the National Dock and Storage company, the scene of the explosion, was taken into custody at his home in Plainfield, N. J., and released in \$5,000 bail for examination.

"There is no question that I am responsible for the warehouse owned by the company," said Mr. MacKenzie. "But I can state positively that there was no infringement of the law in any respect."

The city commissioners of Jersey City by a vote of 4 to 1 adopted a resolution today calling upon Director of Public Safety Hague to prevent the shipment or storage of high explosives in that city.

The commissioners authorized the directors to use physical force if necessary in carrying out their mandate, which, it was stated, was based on the public nuisance ordinance of the city. This means, it was explained, that Jersey City will cease to be the terminus of munitions shipments for the entire governments in Europe.

Director Hague announced later that he would take whatever action he thought necessary. If after twenty-four hours the railroad neglected or refused to remove the explosives, he declared that there was at present within the city limits more than fifty carloads of dynamite and explosives.

### Shooting Affray In I. W. W. Camp At Aberdeen, S. D.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 1.—An unidentified negro, said to be a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, was shot following a disagreement with a fellow wanderer, Lee Griest, over a game of craps here last night. Griest is now held by the authorities, being caught two hours after the shooting five miles east of the city.

The chief traveling delegate of the Industrial Workers of the World organization declared today that the convention of the members will be held in Minneapolis, probably November 20, and not in Aberdeen or Fargo, on August 12, as had been reported.

Officials here say they do not fear trouble with the industrial workers of the World, as more men are now getting out of the city than are coming in.

### DEUTSCHLAND IS NOW ON ITS WAY BACK TO GERMANY

German Submarine, Carrying Cargo of Nickel and Gold, Casts Off Anchor and Goes to Sea.

### TOWED INTO CHANNEL

Coast Guard Boats Follow Behind and Keep Motor Craft at a Distance.

### FAREWELLS ARE SAID

Baltimore, Aug. 1.—The German submarine Deutschland today sailed on its return voyage to Germany, leaving its pier at 5:40 p. m. this afternoon. It carried a cargo of crude rubber and nickel and, it is understood, a consignment of gold.

The Deutschland's tender, the tug Thomas F. Timmins, drew the submarine out to the main channel. There the tow line was cast off and the submersible proceeded under its own power. The coast guard cutter Wissahickon followed close behind, and a little further back was the Timmins. In this order the little squadron proceeded down the river and soon disappeared from view around Wagner's point. A few sight-seeing motor boats followed, but they were kept at a safe distance by the city police boat Lannan.

As the Deutschland left the wharf flags were run up on the interned North German Lloyd liner Neckar and its crew lined the rail cheering and shouting their farewells to their countrymen in the Deutschland.

### Mooney's Letters Said To Throw Light On Bomb Outrages

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Documentary evidence, secured by the public in a raid on the headquarters of the perpetrators of the preparedness parade bomb outrage, has laid bare all the names and facts connected with the plot and will assure conviction of suspects in custody, according to announcement made today by District Attorney C. M. Fickert.

Fickert made public only a few bits of information gained in the letters, which he said consist of the private letter file and other papers of Thomas Mooney, labor agitator, suspected ringleader of the bomb gang.

According to Fickert, the letters disclosed Mooney's alleged implications in various California dynamiting cases; his plans for causing a street car strike in San Francisco, with hints of dynamiting attempts to follow, and valuable information bearing on the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building.

In a letter written by Mooney just prior to the preparedness parade, he said, according to Fickert: "If I can pull off what I am planning, I will be the biggest man in San Francisco labor circles."

Gov. Withycombe Welcomes Pythian Knights to Oregon

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—The twenty-ninth biennial convention of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, opened here today with members present from all parts of the United States. The opening session was given over to a joint assembly of the supreme lodge and the supreme temple. Pythian sisters, which was attended by friends and members generally. Gus C. Moore of Portland, supreme representative, presided as general chairman.

Formal addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor James Withycombe and Mayor H. R. Albee, and responses were made by Supreme Chancellor B. S. Young of Ada, Colo., and Supreme Chief Cora M. Davis of Union, Ore.

Following the joint assembly, the supreme lodge went into executive session. At the same time the supreme temple, Pythian Sisters, and the grand lodge of Oregon held the first sessions of their conventions in separate halls.

The principal parade of the convention was to be held this afternoon; the Uniform Rank, Knights of Khorassan, grand lodge and subordinate lodges generally were to participate. Tonight Walter B. Ritchie of Illinois, past supreme chancellor, will deliver his golden jubilee address on "The Pythian Lesson of Friendship."

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### The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer Wednesday.

FAIR	Temperatures at Omaha—	Deg.
	5 a. m.	69
	6 a. m.	70
	7 a. m.	70
	8 a. m.	70
	9 a. m.	70
	10 a. m.	71
	11 a. m.	71
	12 m.	72
	1 p. m.	72
	2 p. m.	74

Local Weather Record. Lowest last night, 59. Highest today, 82. Precipitation, .88. Wind, S. by E. Normal temperature for today, 76 degrees. Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 8.61 inches. Excess for corresponding period 1915, .32 of an inch. Deficiency for corresponding period, 1914, 1.37 inches.

General Weather Conditions. Cooler weather prevailed over the northern portion of Nebraska during the last twenty-four hours. High temperatures were again general in the southern portion. Temperatures of 100 to 101 were recorded at Superior and Fairbury. Good soaking rains were general in the southern portion of the state during the night and showers occurred in other portions, except the northwest. Showers also occurred in western Iowa, but are generally light. The weather is clear in the mountains and northwest, and the outlook is for fair or partly cloudy weather in this vicinity tonight and Wednesday, with slightly warmer Wednesday.

L. A. WELLS, Meteorologist.