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SMALL ARM OF STORM SWEEPS OVER THE BLUFFS

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Levelled and Some Buildings Wrecked; Iowa Farms Suffer Losses.

A survey of conditions in Council Bluffs yesterday morning indicates that that city escaped any serious storm damage.

At the time when the tornado was passing over the western portion of Omaha, a small arm of it struck the northwestern part of the Bluffs, wrecking many outhouses, sheds and small buildings.

So far as could be learned, no damage was done to residences or business houses, aside from the breaking of glass in numerous windows.

In the western part of Council Bluffs, telegraph and telephone lines were levelled, the posts having been snapped off close to the ground. Sign and bill boards were scattered over the vacant lots.

Crosses Missouri River. Reports reaching the city indicate that the tornado crossed the Missouri river a short distance above Crescent, or about eight miles north of Council Bluffs and moved in a northeasterly direction into Iowa.

On the Woods farm, five miles northeast of Crescent, reports received yesterday morning are that practically all the buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$5,000 or perhaps more. Members of the family went to the cellar and were uninjured. A number of hogs and cattle on the place are reported to have been killed.

Boy Hurt While Driving Car Damaged in the Tornado

While driving an auto truck, damaged in Sunday night's tornado, to a repair shop yesterday morning, Thomas Mallett, 19 years old, son of W. S. Mallett, 613 South Fifty-third street, received a broken leg as a result of the overturning of the truck at Forty-fifth and Dodge streets.

Mr. Mallett and another son who were also on the truck were uninjured. The injured boy was taken to his home where he was attended by physicians.

A damaged steering gear was the cause of the accident.

Help for Victims of City's Second Tornado

Omaha has just undergone its second visitation from a destructive tornado, and while all are thankful the monster of the air passed with no toll of life taken, we must realize that property losses fall heavily on the victims.

Many of the citizens whose homes have been blown away will need help to rebuild. This ought to be provided, and promptly. It is not charity, but simple justice, that this be done. Their faith in Omaha is shown by the fact that they had acquired homes here, and now Omaha must redeem that faith by assisting those who need it to restore their homes.

Great physical suffering and distress does not confront us this time as it did six years ago, following the Easter storm of 1913. But the families who have been turned out of house and home, whose personal belongings and household effects are scattered in bits and rags by the raging wind, need shelter and must start all over.

What machinery may be required to provide the succor need not be here discussed. Most of those who served in 1913 still are residents in Omaha and can give of the wisdom born of experience then gained to aid a similar committee. The mayor or the Chamber of Commerce should act without delay to establish whatever agency is needed to set up again the now broken homes.

Family Hurries to Basement When Storm Warning is Sounded

B. Ballard, 4806 Cuming street, heard the terrific noise of the approaching storm and hurried to the basement. No one was injured. The roof was blown from the structure and the building damaged.

The foundation of the residence of A. Norre, 1114 North Fifty-sixth street, was blown from under the house and the superstructure caved in. Occupants of this house have not been located.

The worst of the storm visited the city between Center and Leavenworth and Forty-ninth and Fifty-sixth streets.

Passengers were shaken up and excited when a street car was lifted from the tracks by the terrific wind at Forty-ninth and Dodge streets. No one was injured.

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TERRIFIC WIND SWEEPS STATE; WIRES ALL DOWN

Hail Does Considerable Damage in Eastern Nebraska; Blizzard With Heavy Snow in West.

Violent windstorms Sunday night are reported from practically all parts of the state. Wire communication in all directions is crippled and the meagre reports received indicate considerable property loss.

The greatest damage, reports indicate, was near Elmwood, where the storm reached the proportions of a tornado, several farm houses were badly damaged and telephone poles levelled. The storm was reported as far south as Nebraska City.

Every building on the farm of George Lenz, near Elmwood, was destroyed. Mrs. Lenz was alone in the house at the time. When she heard the approach of the storm she climbed into bed with her three weeks' old baby. The wind picked up the bed, carried it through the air for 200 feet and deposited it on a pile of brush. Neither Mrs. Lenz nor the child was injured.

Hail Hurts Wheat. Hail, which accompanied the storm, did considerable damage to wheat fields and considerable live stock was killed. Douglas, Cass and Otoe were the principal counties to suffer in the eastern part of the state.

Western Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and western Colorado were swept by a blizzard, a heavy snow accompanying the high wind. From two to 12 inches of snow was reported to the Union Pacific along its lines in the western part of the state. From Murdock to Denver and in the Black Hills country the Burlington reports from 6 to 8 inches of snow.

The high wind drifted the snow in the west but it has not interfered materially with traffic.

The principal loss was to tele-

phone and telegraph wires. Long stretches of pole lines were completely demolished. Crews of repair men sent out have been unable to make progress because of the blizzard.

Underwriters' Offices Swamped With Tornado Insurance Seekers

Insurance offices were swamped yesterday morning by hundreds of property owners in the city seeking to renew their policies for protection against tornado losses. The majority of the contracts entered into following the disaster of March 23, 1913, provided against loss for three years.

Many property holders failed to renew their policies at the expiration of the first three years, while many more, who did renew their contracts, allowed them to lapse last month, which marked the end of the second period following the twister of six years ago.

Insurance policies covering properties valued at thousands of dollars, which were damaged and destroyed last night, were allowed to lapse just a few weeks ago. Many of the holders of policies allowed their contracts to become void through neglect to keep up their premiums.

Burlington Official Back. S.B. Howard, Burlington immigration agent, is back from Memphis, Tenn., where he attended a meeting of immigration agents and of representatives of the government operated roads. More than 100 agents attended.

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