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Pair of Floods Wreak Havoc (1905, page 68)

June 16, 1905: Last Friday afternoon this locality was visited by a terrific rain and hail storm. It was not long before the creek was way up, tearing away the smaller bridges, and washing two or three Burlington railroad bridges, besides doing other damage to the tracks above the plunge. The Burlington trains could not pass over the road until Saturday evening. It was the worst freshet that has occurred in two or three years.

June 23, 1905: last Saturday the damage done by the storm of the previous week had scarcely been repaired when another and more severe storm visited the locality. The greatest damage was to the Burlington tracks, practically the whole road bed, bridges and track being wiped out from the plunge bath to the Chautauqua grounds, besides much damage further up the creek. The train that runs between here and Minnekahta was at the latter place when the storm occurred, and it is still at the end of the line. It is difficult to tell when the damage to the Burlington track will be fully repaired so that trains may make their runs. When the railroad grade went out it turned the whole channel of the stream into the reservoir of the Water, Light and Power Company, filling it with mud and debris. The long North Western railway bridge between upper and lower towns was twisted and warped out of shape, and several bents loosened. The North Western had a few bridges below town weakened and wrecked to such an extent that they were not serviceable until repaired.

**Photograph: Washout on the Burlington Northern Railroad up Hot Brook, June 17, 1905.
(1905, page 69)**

Cheyenne Bridge Out (1906, page 72)

News from the Oral neighborhood, as reported in it column, the Oral Out crop described the predicament of the folks down that way when high water damaged the bridge: "the 'injured' bridge over the Cheyenne caused considerable inconvenience. Some had to leave their teams across the river, and get across on the railroad bridge and be taken home by neighbors."

April, 1906, was the month in which the famous San Francisco earthquake and fire occurred, and the Star carried a fairly long front page story on the tragedy.