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HUNDREDS ARE DEAD

Hurricane in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

ALL OF CYCLONIC PROPORTION

In Some Places Houses and Persons Were Carried Hundreds of Feet and Then Set Down.

St. PAUL, Sept. 22.—Between 8 and 10 o'clock last night a narrow strip of country twenty miles long was laid waste by a hurricane, which in many places developed into a cyclone. In its path today are ruined towns, devastated farms and several hundred dead and injured people. Starting about ten miles south of Spencer in Northwestern Iowa, the storm of wind at 8 o'clock began its work of destruction.

Towns damaged or destroyed: Cylinder, Forest City and Manley Junction, Ia.; Leroy, Spring Valley, Dodge Center, Lowther and Homes, Minn., and Marshfield, Wis.

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 22.—The most devastating and life-destroying storm of wind, hail and rain known in years visited this section last night about 10 o'clock. In its destructive path it touched the south part of Lincoln township and then it passed eastward to Mandi Junction, in the south of Worth county. In its way it swept valuable property out of existence and killed at least fifty persons. All telegraphic communication has been shut off by fallen wires, so that full details cannot be ascertained, but it is certain that the number of injured will run into the hundreds. The storm seems to have traveled from the southwest to the northeast. It appeared that it gathered its force south of Emmetsburg and then crossed the Iowa and Minnesota divisions of the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad at Emmetsburg. It next headed north of Wesley and then north of Grafton, then speeding straight north to Leroy and Spring Valley. Osage also fearfully felt its terrific force, and many are reported seriously hurt. The most serious are:

William Perry, 27 years old, can live but a few hours; Joseph Finley, hurt about the head and internally, may die; Joseph Lonergan, flesh wounds; Benjamin

Kestern, cut in the face; Mrs. Benjamin Kestern; Dennis Lonergan, artery in the wrist severed and otherwise injured.

Five houses were completely demolished and swept from their foundations. The residences of Louis Ponner, Patrick Lonergan, jr., William Perry, Phil Herbert, Messrs. Nicholas and Colter and Benjamin Kestern, and all the outbuildings, barns, grain in stack and some were also destroyed. At Emmetsburg the amphitheater at the fair grounds was wrecked, also a residence. Several are reported injured there. Four miles north of Wesley great destruction was wrought. At Cylinder the whole family of Alexander Goldman, consisting of himself, wife and two children, were killed. About ten other persons were injured. Dwellings were demolished and a large number of outbuildings laid low. Reports say there were nine killed in the vicinity of Emmetsburg. Three miles north of Wesley, J. Bigham's house was overturned and set on fire. The inmates had a narrow escape.

A telegram from Algona says 26 people are reported killed in Kosuth county, while the destruction of property is very great. The country swept is a farming section, with great barns filled to the rafters with hay. The packed condition of the barns saved the stock. A willow hedge running north and south near the Stepneck homestead was piled full of household goods, bedding and milk cans from Beaver's place, a mile west. The Joe Thompson house was gutted and the walls are in a swaying condition. His barn went to pieces and five horses were buried in it. It took until 3 o'clock next morning to dig them out, but all were recovered from the ruins without injury. East of the river, in Plum Creek township, the house of George Holmin was carried 30 rods and dropped with such force as to wreck it. In it were Mr. Holmin, his wife and three children. One child was killed outright and the others injured. A man named Dangman, a mile north of Holmin's, was killed, and seven more were killed northeast of this place, including a man and wife, names not known.

The wife and children of Fred Pompe, in Fenton township, were in a house which collapsed. They were covered by falling walls and not one was hurt. The barn was blown away and five horses tied to the mangers were left on the floor unharmed. George W. Beaver's family, three miles north of Algona, had just returned from the fair. He got into the house with his wife, two children and an adopted boy and was going down

into the cellar when the cyclone demolished the house. The family were covered with ruins. Beaver, with a baby in his arms, walked to Christian Dean's, his father-in-law, for help. His wife was just dying when he returned, and his little girl gasped "Papa" and expired. Myron Schink's immense barn and house were made into kindling wood. His wife and children were carried 100 feet and were found under a heavy oak beam. Mrs. Schink was unconscious. Horace Schink, Myron's father, was covered up with lumber. He is 73 years old and his recovery is questionable.

The Swedish church 10 miles southwest of Spencer was blown to atoms. The town of Lowater, five miles north of Elma, is a mass of bent and broken timbers and splinters. The damage done to the town and vicinity will exceed \$100,000. Owing to the situation of the village and from the fact that telegraph and telephone communication have been shut off for the past 24 hours, it has been impossible to confirm reports sent from Oelwein, Ia., until this afternoon, when a reporter visited the scene of disaster. The severe wind and rain struck Oelwein about 6 p. m. yesterday, and gradually grew worse until 1 o'clock this morning, when those able to regain consciousness found themselves in cornfields or on open prairies. The width of the storm is estimated at half a mile, and its course due east and west.

It is reported that the village of New Haven, located eight miles west of Elma, was entirely destroyed and several killed and wounded, but as no one has arrived from there, the report cannot be confirmed. The Kenyon family, consisting of nine persons, living 10 miles north of Cresco, was killed last night, and the residence converted into kindling wood. The tornado passed over Cresco, demolishing the Hollister Lumber Company's sheds, tore the end out of Norton's livery stable unroofed half a dozen houses and flattened more than half of the barns and outhouses in the city. Trees 12 inches in diameter were snapped off like pipestems on about every street in Cresco.

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