

Destructive Hail Storm.

The most destructive storm which has struck Griggs county in years passed over a large section of territory adjacent to Hannaford early Saturday morning. Reports are yet coming in from parts at a considerable distance from Hannaford, and the storm can be traced from Foster county to Barnes, covering a territory from four to six miles wide. A few instances are reported where a farm or two would be passed over, but on the whole the hail and wind swept everything, in places leaving the fields nearly destitute of all signs of vegetation.

We have personally talked with farmers as far west as C. J. Erlandson, C. Frydenberg and Martin Thompson, all of whom had a total loss. Advancing east the storm destroyed all crops for Mrs. B. Eimon, Christ Jackson, C. Erlandson, Councilman Bros., with the exception of one-half section which was north of the path of the storm, Ableman Bros., R. L. Jones, Anton Peterson, Oliver Richardson, George Harrington, Jens and Nels Nelson and a part of Aug. Palm's

One of the freak maneuvers of the storm occurred at M. Mogaard's farm where the storm seemed to jump for a mile leaving Mr. Mogaard and the half-section owned by Aarestad Bros. & Troseth with very little damage. However, it dropped down again on Harvey Richardson and advanced eastward and a little south across the crops of Peterson Bros., Albert Peterson, H. Amundson, Hefland Bros., Carl Brown, Camperud Bros., Anton Loden, Perry Haugen, Alex Campbell, Chris Sonju, Ole Fogderud, and partial losses are reported by D. Campbell, J. Hoggarth, J. B. Armstrong, N. K. Markuson and Robert Martin.

A north wing of the storm covered a tract of country starting in near the Steinborn farm and passing over John Francis, Geo. Paintner, Herman Michaelis, W. D. Sinclair, Mr. Carpenter, and Milton and J. C. Mills. Again a south wing swept in near Christ Sebby, Erick Heyerdahl, James Bothwell, James Brown and H. P. Brown.

Reports from east of town are to the effect that Mark Curtis, C. Ladbury, Halvor Johnson and John H. Haugen were heavy losers, in fact the hail entirely de-

stroyed the crops of all except M. Curtis who estimated he would have one-fourth crop. At Hannaford the storm was not very severe and farmers east and northeast suffered very little if any damage.

In addition to damage done to crops by hail, considerable losses are reported as the result of wind and lightning. John Wam's new barn was twisted from its foundation and badly damaged, also J. B. Armstrong's barn which is in the course of construction. H. P. Brown's new barn is said to be a total wreck while James Bothwell's loss will be considerable, having two granaries destroyed and his barn badly wrecked. Christ Jackson's granary was lifted bodily, carried through the air and splintered in an adjoining field. In addition to these several other barns and granaries were destroyed or damaged.

Anton Loden lost two horses by lightning and N. K. Markuson one, August Palm lost two cows in the same way.

Coming as this storm does with a short crop in this section and scarcely any feed for stock, it is one of the greatest catastrophies that has occurred in Griggs county in years. Many farmers intend to cut the remainder of what little is standing for hay, but many have not sufficient left for even this. It is certainly anything but a bright prospect for a coming winter. Most of the farmers are preparing for plowing and getting their fields in condition for next year's crop.

Truly, this is an off year for North Dakota farmers.—Hannaford Enterprise.

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