

# STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE

## Southern Nelson County Hit Hard by Tornado—Many Barns Are Wrecked.

Binford residents and farmers tributary to town can be thankful that they were hit no harder than by a heavy wind last Thursday evening. Friday morning reports began coming in of the destruction north of town, and several auto parties went up to view the damage done in the storm's path, and to take pictures of the wrecked buildings.

The following account of the tornado was taken from the Pekin Budget:

This country was struck last night just as we were ready to go to press by the most fearful tornado that ever struck this section of the state. About supper time a storm broke to the north west of town going in a northeasterly direction, apparently a vicious rain and hailstorm, followed immediately by another which showed evidence of strong wind, over the same tract, but neither striking this locality, while the third one raged to the northwest and broke over this locality working southeasterly. For over half an hour the storm raged accompanied by a cloudburst of rain, causing ruin and disaster in its wake. In our town, doors and windows were blown in, trees uprooted but slight damage to the buildings. The Atlas Lumber Co. shed on one side of the yard was practically ruined, the coal shed of the Farmer's Elevator company was moved several rods, and L. C. Johnson's coal shed was thrown several rods and placed on the roof side.

The country, however, was the hardest stricken, as hardly a barn is left standing where the storm passed. The damage to the crops cannot be estimated yet, but it is feared that the crops are practically ruined. Telephones are out of commission and reports come in slowly, but for every new report adds to the list of losses. So far only one death is reported from Hamar, while quite a few were more or less injured.

Immediately after the storm abated, calls were sent out for assistance as barns were blown over and many horses covered up, and several parties were made up and sent out from this town. At Casper Foreng's farm in Bergen township, O. S. Hauge's crew were erecting a modern residence and the four carpenters, Mr. Foreng and Miss Minnie Fredrickson, who was cooking for them, were all gathered in a small shack at the time the storm struck, and were carried along with and tumbled in amongst the splintered timbers and furniture for about ten rods, miraculously escaping with their lives and whole limbs, altho all were more or less injured and bruised. The most injured were Olaf Simonson and Miss Fredrickson, neither very seriously. Mr. Foreng's new auto was crushed under part of the overturned barn, but eight horses in same were found to be alright.

To enumerate the different disasters would make too long a story, and we are unable to furnish this at this time, but as far as we know, a dozen or more modern barns are completely ruined while a great number also are badly wrecked. Among the ones completely destroyed are, P. K. Holm's just completed, Mrs. B. S. Opheims, Melvin Quam's, P. E. Bjorlie's, C. M. Enstad's, J. Messner's, Geo. Knaus farm, Mrs. Carl Ensrud's, Ole Brude's, C. Turcotte's, and practically ruined are the barns of Knute Fredrickson and L. O. Fredrickson, R. T. Halvorson, and others. The above were all modern and expensive structures and the loss will reach enormous figures. The silo was destroyed on the John Ensrud farm, and several steel windmills were blown down.

The Catholic church in Bergen township is wrecked, so is the Sigdal's church and the barns of Ole Hoveskeland, Burke farm, Oscar Deehr, T. O. Lundebly, and others, south of Tolna. The storm reached

from near Devils Lake to Blabon and very few barns are said to have stood the fury of the blast for this distance for a width of about ten miles.

The neighboring town McVille it is said was harder struck than ours, as several buildings were torn to pieces. The livery barns both took wings, the machine sheds of P. T. Mark was blown down, and the damage to the lines and property of the Sheyenne telephone company is enormous, several miles of poles lying flat, and a great amount of the cable line destroyed.

At Matt Hovel in Bergen township the barn was torn to pieces and parts of it were thrown against the residence and practically ruining this also. In Hamlin township the same story, the barns of Pearson, Olsgard, Larson, and others all down. The barns of Mrs. L. O. Bue and Oscar Moen are badly twisted.

Several smaller barns and granaries suffered all over. Northeast of this place seems to have been let off easy while south and southwest and southeast fared generally bad. Hail accompanied the storm in some localities, but no report is in on this. Coming at this time of the year the loss will be heavily felt as not only are the crops and buildings destroyed, but serious difficulties will be encountered in the rebuilding of destroyed structures on account of shortage of carpenters.

### Leaguers Want Daily Newspaper.

Non-partisan league plans to start a paper in North Dakota were announced in the last issue of The Non-partisan Leader proposes publication of a daily for six months, beginning October first, proposes to charge three dollars for that period, or on a basis of six dollars a year.

In making this announcement the Non-partisan Leader declares the question of when the daily would be published has been long asked league leaders. They now put the proposition up to the league members.

Newspapers to be printed in Fargo for general circulation throughout the state if the members in North Dakota will place sufficient support to enable this paper to pay expenses in form of announcement. After a six-months trial period the Non-partisan Leader claims it will again be up to the supporters to say whether they want to continue the publication. It would be a seven day affair probably, issued mornings, to be known as "The Dakota Daily Leader."

### Which Shall It Be.

The citizens of every town have it within their power to make or mar their own municipal name. It will be good or bad, just as they choose to make it.

We of this town are no exception to the rule and the citizen who loves his own home will always bear it in mind.

There are many good points in favor of our community, and when the stranger comes to our midst we should not fail to impress these facts upon his mind.

We should take him in hand, exhibit the community as you would a blooded horse, let him understand that he is among a fair minded, energetic and generous hearted people and when he goes to other climes he will speak as he has been spoken to.

This is the way reputations are made.

But there is another side, and it is there that mischief is too often done.

The stranger enters our door and we immediately begin to complain of the community and of the people. Nothing just suits us. Nothing is as it should be. Everything is wrong and the town is on the way to the bow wows.

And then again the stranger speaks as he hears and sees.

This is the way reputations are destroyed.

Which is it to be with us?

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