

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE

NINE PERSONS KILLED AND SCORES INJURED IS THE RESULT OF A CYCLONE WHICH SWEEPED OVER NORTH DAKOTA SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

On Saturday afternoon Jamestown was visited by a terrific wind and rain storm which later developed into a cyclone at Ypsilanti and swept northward across the state. The path of the tornado was very narrow but in that path the work of the elements were complete, nine people being killed, scores injured and property destroyed to the extent of many thousands of dollars.

The only fatalities in Stutsman county are the ones at Ypsilanti where three persons lost their lives and it is nothing short of marvelous that the death list is not much larger as building after building was razed to the ground. The loss to property in Stutsman county will aggregate \$50,000.

The farm home of George Graves at Ypsilanti, was blown into the James River, and Mrs. Graves and her two young daughters were instantly killed. Mrs. Graves and her two children were at home alone when the storm came up, Mr. Graves being engaged in a nearby field in plowing. The wind took down the house, wrecking it completely.

Mrs. Graves was caught in the debris and her death was instantaneous. Bertha Graves, aged 4 years, was caught by the wind and hurled into the waters of the James river, where she was drowned. The other child was struck and killed by the debris.

During the time that the storm was in progress Mr. Graves could see his home wrecked, and when he reached there he found the members of his family dead.

Starting at Ypsilanti the storm followed the James River as far as Jamestown. Here it caused a big property loss, the wind tearing down building after building in its path. The citizens were fortunate in escaping injury, Tobias Bedland, a Great Northern employe, being the only person seriously hurt. He sought safety in the cab of an engine when a timber was hurled through it, striking him.

The heaviest financial loss is at the grounds of the Stutsman County Fair association, where every building was razed. The value of the buildings, which included two grand stands, horse barns, machinery hall and exhibition halls, was about \$10,000.

The roof of the Northern Pacific round house and the roof of the store house were taken off, causing a property loss of about \$20,000.

Four small frame houses were completely destroyed by the force of the winds, while out-houses and barns over the entire city suffered damage.

A farm house of John Fried suffered damages of about \$500, while the Russel-Miller Milling Co. also sustained a loss of about \$500.

At the state hospital for the insane, a loss of about \$1,000 was meted out by the storm. Windows were broken, a chimney was toppled over and several of the lighter structures on the grounds were destroyed. The inmates were controlled without any trouble.

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