

Cooperstown Courier.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

GOSSIP FROM WASHINGTON.

Secretary Teller has reaffirmed the decision of Secretary Schurz against the validity of the claim made by the state of California and a company chartered by the state to several hundred acres of land lying within the limits of San Francisco. Great efforts have been made to secure a decision favorable to the state.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Washouts have occurred along the Chicago & Northwestern company's northern line in Wisconsin; on the Michigan, Lake Shore & Western tracks at Ledyard, near Appleton, and also on the Wisconsin Central road at Theresa. Fifty miles north of Milwaukee, and telegraphic lines everywhere are in bad condition.

The gross earnings of the St. Paul and Duluth for the third week in July were \$31,392.39 against \$22,315.20 for the same week in 1882, and increase of \$9,077.19.

Isaac Beck of Duluth has been elected director of the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad in place of Mayor Culver deceased.

GENERAL NEWS GOSSIP.

Ludlum & Co., send out the following summary of crop reports received from official sources: The agricultural official reports at Washington show that Great Britain, Holland, Belgium and France will require 100,000,000 bushels more wheat than last year. Austria and Hungary have a fair crop, and Germany three-fourths of a crop. The condition of wheat on the Black Sea and in Southern Russia is in a deplorable condition, owing to the ravages of locusts. English country markets are 1 shilling higher, an advance of 2 shillings since the 21st. The weather is bad.

The First Regiment, Minnesota National Guard, which has been in camp at White Bear Lake, near St. Paul, for a week broke camp on Tuesday and each company returned to its own locality. Col. Gaines Lawson, of the Twenty-fifth regiment, U. S. A., has been in camp all the week, by directions of the secretary of war, to report upon the condition of the militia. He was very much pleased with the men, who, he said, had made great progress during the week, and only wished that they could continue in camp for a longer time.

The only step that has been taken toward the actual consolidation of the two Minnesota revenue districts is the requirement of a new bond from Collector Bickel for \$300,000 which he has filed. The old bond was for \$50,000.

The largest pension ever granted to a Vermont has just been issued to Col. J. H. Walbridge, of North Bennington. The certificate gives Mr. Walbridge between \$6,500 and \$7,000 arrears, and continues at \$30 per month.

Maj Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock has filed a claim in the St. Louis (Mo.) probate court against the estate of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ada S. Russell, for \$2,889.80 money loaned to her by the general.

A house of ill-fame was burned in Wheatland, Cal., recently, and among the things saved was a book containing the list of all the visitors to the house since its opening, a dozen years ago.

The reports of great damage in Dakota by the late storm were almost wholly exaggerations. The losses were very small so far as heard from.

Hon. S. A. Davenport of Erie, Pa., has the cases out of which Horace Greeley set type when he worked on the Erie Gazette.

The first regiment of Minnesota National guards were reviewed on the 24 inst., by the governor.

The National Forestry association proposes to establish forestal stations for experiments.

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.

At noon on the 21st, the thunder storm from the west reached Winona, and for an hour a drenching rain fell. The lightning struck three trees near the residence of Mr. Thomas Chappell, on the corner of Eighth and Franklin streets, shivering them to pieces. One of Mr. Tom Burke's draymen, who was across the street, had just taken a match from his pocket to light his pipe and the match was ignited by the electricity very much to his surprise.

Charles Seitz, a paper hanger of Allegheny City, Pa., fatally shot Dr. G. W. Langfeld recently at the latter's home in Bellevue, seven miles from the former city. Langfeld was engaged to Seitz's sister for several years, but a short time ago broke the engagement, without explanation and this so enraged Seitz that he borrowed a revolver and went down to Bellevue and shot Langfeld on sight.

Ex-Rev. H. O. Hoffman of Bloomington, Ill., who has figured extensively in a seduction suit, was cowed in his newspaper office recently by Mrs. Pritchard, who objected to being called a "dudess."

Rabbi Rosenberg of Springfield, Ohio, has been sent adrift by his congregation for becoming intoxicated, and while in this condition using obscene and profane language. Dr. Milligan Patchin, on the New York board of health, committed suicide on the 22 inst.

RECORD OF CASUALTIES.

On the farm of John Cushman, on the 21st in the town of Warren, Wis., about seven miles south of New Richmond, William Cliff was in the act of removing one of the tubs used to cement walls, and was about twenty feet from the top, when the cement above him collapsed and buried him about ten feet deep, crushing him into a shapeless mass on top of the tub. The accident occurred at about 8 o'clock, and it was 11 o'clock before he could be extricated. Deceased came from New Brunswick about a year ago.

Dubuque, Iowa Special: Several storms of wind, rain, thunder and lightning visited the city and neighborhood again Sunday night. Farmers report great damage to their crops, particularly to wheat, oats

SATURDAY'S CYCLONE.

The Storm Passed Through Several Counties in Minnesota, Dakota and Wisconsin—Destruction to Life and Property from Huron, Dak., Nearly to the Mississippi River.

WIDESPREAD DISASTER.

The hurricane on Saturday morning seems to have originated in the vicinity of Hitchcock, on the northern boundary of Beadle county, Dak., reaching from that point north as far as Redfield. Numerous buildings were torn down and several persons wounded, some fatally. Passing east the storm is next heard of in Codington county, where much damage was done, particularly to the crops. So far as can be heard from the dispatches, it was next learned of at Sleepy Eye, Brown county, where it was accompanied with terrific hail. From there it went to New Ulm, and crossing the Minnesota river, passed on through Nicollet county to St. Peter, laying waste the crops in its course. From St. Peter it seems to have followed the general course of the Winona & St. Peter road through Kasota, Janesville, Waseca, Meridian, Owatonna, Dodge Center, and Mantorville to Rochester, where it made a sharp turn to the northeast to the village of Elgin, Wabasha county, which it almost completely demolished. Beyond this point the force of the storm seems to have been broken, little damage being reported from the eastward.

The list of casualties is a long one, and the damage to property is very large. Thus far eight are reported killed and about sixty more or less seriously injured. The blowing of a passenger train from the track near Owatonna resulted in the injury of some forty people. The town of Elgin suffered most severely, being almost completely wiped out, and several being killed. A complete account of this disaster, however, is unattainable owing to the telegraphic trouble and the fact that the town is some distance from the railroad. The loss to property cannot as yet be estimated, but is very great.

Dodge county, was the scene of disaster and general wreck, both to buildings and the crops. Owatonna and Waseca are also heavy sufferers, the buildings on the State fair grounds at the former place being entirely destroyed. As yet returns are so incomplete that no estimate is attempted of the loss either to the crops or to other property, but as the path of the storm was through a productive agricultural country, the aggregate amount will undoubtedly be very large.

The Loss of Life and Property.

KILLED AND INJURED.
The following is the list of killed and injured by the storm of Friday, so far as has been ascertained, and of the property destroyed:
Killed..... 8
Injured..... 63
Buildings Wrecked..... 55
(Not including Elgin.)

Killed.

Mrs. Thayer—At Elgin.
Mr. Duenly—Near Mantorville.
Mrs. Middleton—Near Byron.
Mrs. South—Near Kasota.
Boy, not known, near Mantorville.
Charles Eidenbulz—Killed by lightning in the Stewart house, Stewart.
Mrs. Gessinger and Mother—Between Redfield and Huron, Dak.

The Injured.

AT ELGIN.
Miss Edith Dillon—Skull fractured, serious.
John Townsend—Spine injured.
Mrs. Frank Kessler—Skull fractured.
William Bower—Hip and thigh fractured.
NEAR MANTORVILLE.
R. Middleton and S. Mungler—Seriously injured.
Two children of Mr. Hardin severely injured.
Four children of William Crosby, severely injured.
Man, name unknown, badly hurt.

IN DAKOTA.

Mrs. Gessinger and two children—Between Huron and Redfield.
Mr. Johnson—Dangerously hurt between Huron and Redfield.
J. C. Peacock and wife—Severely injured near Redfield.
ON THE OVERTURNED TRAIN.
G. S. Borden, Mankato—Head out on left temple, and back of left ear.
Clara Zickwick, St. Charles—Injured about the head.
S. G. Curtis, Waukesha—Left shoulder broken.
George A. Smith, Pierre—Left eye cut, hurt internally; think some ribs broken.
A. K. Williams, Rochester—Back hurt; badly internally.

A. F. Ingalls, Windom—Hurt in chest, light sprain in left hip.
George Pickering, Trempealeau, Wis.—Left eye cut, right shoulder sprained.
Fred Bregmann, Wykoff—Head badly cut.
P. Bregmann, Wykoff—Cut slightly about the head.
B. F. Welch, Owatonna—Slightly hurt, do not know how much.
Mrs. Faommes, Winona—Injured badly internally, shoulder badly hurt.
G. Hall, an employe—Cut on head, thigh and knee.
George Elkhart, Chicago—both legs badly bruised, and cut above the ear. Think left leg broken.
Michael Manger, Waseca—Cut above the head.
S. Denning, St. Peter—Sprained wrist face and left hand cut.
Mrs. C. F. Whaley, Winona—slightly injured internally.
Charles Cummings, Winona—left leg sprained.
A. S. Broadway, Chicago—left shoulder out of joint and both legs sprained.
Thomas Hartley, New Richland—left leg slightly injured.
Fred Morzan, conductor—Arm broken and other injuries.
W. H. Morgan, brakeman—scalp wound and concussion of the brain.
W. Rodgers, circus agent—badly bruised.
D. Broodeman—skull fractured, very serious.
Frederick Broodeman, Meriden—injured about the face.
Clark and J. Fickroer, St. Charles—bruised.
G. H. Byrn.
Mrs. Alden.

Miss Alice Blakely, Pleasant Grove—collar bone broken.
George Hale, St. Peter—Severely cut on head.
Mrs. Kennedy, Rochester—Sprained and spine injured.
Stella Hartley, New Richland—Hurt internally.
John Lucas, New Ulm—Left leg broken twice.
Theophilus Smith, Eyota—Arm broken, spine damaged.
Callie Morehead, Kentucky—Several bad bruises.
John Tape, Owatonna—collar-bone broken and leg sprained.
M. S. Kennedy, Rochester—Right elbow strained and cut about forehead.
J. Newport and son, New Ulm—Boy bruised and head cut.
The wounded are distributed at hotels and dwelling houses. All are doing well as far as heard from.

LOSS OF PROPERTY.
The following list comprises the losses to property in the shape of buildings destroyed and injured so far as ascertained. The losses to crops destroyed, which will reach thousands of dollars, can only be estimated from the extent of country over which the storm passed.

DODGE COUNTY, NEAR MANTORVILLE.
Mr. Duntley—House and barn demolished.
E. Little—Residence destroyed.
Mr. Middleton—Residence and mill near Byron blown to pieces.
William Crosby—Residence in process of construction blown down.
Mr. Pratt—Residence, barn and grocery blown down.
James Crandall—Grocery demolished.
Eugene Irish—Large barn blown to pieces.
H. Grinnell—House demolished.
C. H. Thompson—Barn, granary and addition to house demolished.
S. D. Ingersoll—House blown to pieces.
J. B. Copper—Barn demolished.
H. McFarland—House, granary and barn demolished; loss, \$1,500.
Charles Darling—Barn and granary destroyed; loss, \$2,000.
C. S. Dover—Barn blown down.
Peter Frederick House destroyed.
H. Deeds—House and barn blown to atoms.

School house in District 51 carried to unknown parts.
M. Brooks—Granary blown down.
B. Cheney—Dairy, farm, buildings and barn demolished; loss \$17,000.
E. L. Glasby—Barn demolished.
N. B. Gallup—Barn blown down.
Congregational church, Claremont, destroyed.
J. Crough—Barn destroyed.
Claremont cheese factory demolished.
M. H. Hubbard—House carried away several rods.
O. F. Way—House destroyed.
L. Vanandon—House and barn blown down.

AT ELGIN.
Church, school house and nearly every building in the village blown down.
AT OWATONNA.
All building on state fair grounds demolished except the octagonal floral hall which was moved from its foundation.
Methodist church moved from its foundation and badly broken.
L. W. Irving—Barn destroyed and part of house blown away. St. Paul elevator unroofed.

AT MERIDIAN.
Church and blacksmith shop demolished.
Mr. Evans—House blown down.
AT WASECA.
Trowbridge's store, end blown in and badly damaged.
Court house damaged.
Storehouse of George Tollen blown down.
Coffin factory unroofed.
Miller's store badly damaged.
Winona & St. Peter elevator and warehouse damaged.
Willard Bros. planing mill damaged.
Waseca Manufacturing Co.'s building damaged.

IN WABASHA.
Drug store, hotel barn, store and postoffice blown down.
LAKE CRISTAL.
Humphrey's hall turned over.
NEAR HURON DAK.
J. Gressenger—House demolished.
Mr. Johnson—House blown to pieces.
J. C. Peacock—House demolished.
Twenty other houses, names of owners not yet ascertained.

THE DESTRUCTION OF ELGIN, MINN.
At 12:20 p. m. on the 21st, the cyclone struck Elgin, Wabasha Co., Minn., and within one minute there was scarcely anything left of what was a little village of 250 inhabitants. One lady, Mrs. Thayer, was killed and several others wounded. The damage will foot up very heavily. A number of miraculous escapes took place. Mrs. Townsend was in the third story of the building with her family, over rooms occupied by Mrs. Thayer, and was hemmed in by two stoves, but fortunately escaped with slight bruises. A number of people were hurt slightly by missiles. Trees were all torn up. A German blacksmith was working when the wind took the entire shop and carried it off, and no trace of the shop left. Richardson's store is still standing. The front and back of the building is all blown away. All the stores are almost a complete wreck. The hotel office of Stafford's was carried away some distance, including Emanuel Wiel, all escaped by going down in the cellar. The hardware store, saloon and agricultural store were almost demolished. A number of horses were killed. Some had their legs broken. Some dwellings were blown entirely away, nothing left to show except a few boards.

FOND DU LAC, WIS., BADLY FLOODED.
A special of the 22d says: At intervals during the entire week Fond du Lac has been visited by the most terrific rainstorms, accompanied by heavy wind. Last night about 10:30 the heavens seemed to open and a deluge of rain fell, sweeping all light material before it. This was kept up a good share of the night, and at the dawn of morning everybody was of the opinion that a heavy rain had prevailed. They little knew what was in store for them. The usual large number of people wended their way to church, little dreaming that before return their homes would be flooded and carpets and furniture ruined; but such was the case. At about 11 a. m. several dams on Geneva creek gave way and the vast quantity of water which was thus confined swept the entire eastern portion of the city. The rear of the water, as it rushed along, receiving reinforcements at every foot, could be heard over great portion of the city. Upward of 200 dwelling houses are submerged more or less, according to location. For two hours the water continued to rise until it was a depth of three feet in the middle of the streets. At

this writing it is gradually receding. The water traveled with such velocity that it tore up the Division street pavement and the lower end of the street, and washed it away to a depth of several feet, and still it rains.

The Damages to Crops from Hail Storms.

Col. A. R. Kiefer, president of the German-Scandinavian Hail Insurance company, whose general office is located in St. Paul, says that thus far about 100 individuals had reported damages from storms, and these reports covered Minnesota, Dakota and portions of Wisconsin and Iowa. The first loss reported was on June 11 in Monroe county, Wis., and from that to July 12 the damage was very slight. The heaviest loss and damage occurred in the storm of July 15 and 16, which struck Lac Qui Parle county on the 15th inst., and Dunn county, Wis., the following day July 16. In the former county nineteen losses were reported destroying one-half the crop, and in Dunn county, Wis., thirteen losses were reported, mostly to the tobacco crop. There the loss was also about one-half. Storms have been also reported in Lyon, Pipestone, Pope and Brown counties in Minnesota and from Manitowoc and Marquette counties, Wis., where the damage has been from 1-8 to 1-4 per cent of the crops. All these storms have been local in character, and to a large extent are confined to a few individuals. The reports to the company are up to the 19th inst., and as they come from all portions of the Northwest, it is safe to say that no widespread or serious damage had occurred to the crops at that date, whatever may have been the damage by the storm of the 21st.

The following are the names of the injured in the railroad accident in addition to those published above.

S. G. Austin, Wabasha, collar bone broken and scalp wounds.
G. W. Smith, Pierre, rib broken and bruises.
Baggage man L. M. Wheeler, sprain of the right knee and slight abrasion on the leg below the left knee; not severe.
J. Newhart and son, New Ulm, cut upon heads.
Mrs. Olding, New Ulm, head cut.
Mrs. D. C. Davis, Bingham Lake, spinal injuries.
W. A. Rogers, treasurer of Van Amburg's circus, back and chest crushed and head cut.
James Schuetner, New Ulm, two ribs broken.
Mrs. Blume, Meriden; badly wounded and shocked.
George Brayan, Janesville; spine hurt and cuts.
Henry Brown, engineer, head cut.
G. W. Taylor, Winona, express messenger; slight cuts and bruises on face; unimportant.
Son of Mrs. Davis of Bingham Lake, aged five years; quite a severe scalp wound; cause for anxiety.

The wounded are all doing well, except Mr. A. K. Williams, who has grown worse during the day, and now lies unconscious.

The list of the injured by the falling of the exposition building at the fair grounds at Owatonna is as follows:
John Pope, shoulder dislocated.
H. Peterson, cut on head.
John Tied, badly bruised.
M. M. Aldrich, badly bruised.
John Gausser, badly bruised.
Charles Gatewood, badly bruised.
Herb Melvin, cut on head.
Charles Cope, arm broken.
H. H. Crandall, cut on head and shoulder and chest bruised; a critical case.
Thomas Wilbur, badly bruised.
M. Crane thigh broken.
M. Kane, leg broken.

Mrs. Jerome Howard, a farmer's wife living near here, was struck in the back by flying timbers from the falling elevator and seriously injured.

CAPT. WEBB'S FATE.

HOW THE ADVENTUROUS SWIMMER PERISHED.
NIAGARA FALLS, Special Telegram, July 25.—When Capt. Matthew Webb announced yesterday that he would swim the rapids in the afternoon, no one believed him; but at a few minutes before 4 o'clock Webb appeared at the foot of the bank on the Canadian side, where a skiff was in waiting with the veteran guide, Jack Conway, at the oars. The captain was entirely nude save for a small breech cloth. Conway pulled as far down as the Maid of the Mist landing, but did not dare proceed further. After a few words Capt. Webb stood up in the bow of the boat and dived head first into the water. Then began the great struggle for life. A few vigorous strokes and he was fairly in the rapids going breast on, his form a mere speck as seen from the great bluff above. He went like an arrow shot from a bow. The first great wave he struck he went under, but in a second appeared way beyond. His efforts to strike out in swimming form were weaker than an infant's against the seething waters. The great waves setted over him occasionally, but he always seemed ready to meet them. His great chest was boldly pushed forward and occasionally half of the magnificent physique of the reckless adventurer was lifted from the water, but he never gave up his position.

through it all, and seemed perfectly collected and at home. In a second more the voyager was lost to view behind a projecting bank, so the mad journey went on safely through the upper rapids. He passed then through the lower ones. There the waves dash higher, and the trip is in every way more perilous. How far he went alive no one will ever know. He was seen by many while passing through the awful sea, but ere then he may have been dead. His body was borne onward, now rising above, now sinking beneath the white-capped waves. It was seen to enter the whirlpool. The life of the captain was gone, and not even his body has yet been found. A search was continued until dark, but no trace of Capt. Webb's body was found. The mallstrom sometimes gives up its dead in a day; sometimes it holds in its embrace a week until all semblance of a human body is crushed out in the revolving waters. Capt. Webb looked upon it as a pleasant undertaking. Those who saw him start looked upon it as certain death.

Northwestern Patents.

The following patents have been issued: Edmund J. Brent, Muscatine, Iowa, window screen frame; Libbie A. Call, Oshkosh, Wis., dress chart; George S. Dean, Independence, Iowa, wire stretcher; Julius Goldstein, Waterloo, Iowa, salt feeding device; Jonathan K. Hamilton, Kineston, Minn., corn sheller; L. Harshorn, Wyoming, Iowa, harness buckle and loop; William H. and C. A. Holcomb, Beloit, Wis., pump; N. S. Hubbell, Mechanicsville, Iowa, speculum and dilator; Warren Johnson, Whitewater, Wis., electric thermometer; William Louden, Fairfield, Iowa, hay-stacker; Calvin J. Merrill, Des Moines, Iowa, tile machine; John Shoemaker, Garner, Iowa, weather strip; Ephraim Simar, West Union, and V. D. Sinar, St. Paul, Minn., horse shoe; A. B. Spaulding, Lake City, Minn., railway tie; Jessie Wairath, Racine, Wis., steam engine.