

ROCHESTER IN RUINS.

A Fearful Tuesday Evening which Sees the Minnesota Town a Victim of Cyclonic Wrath.

Hundreds of Buildings Shattered, 26 People Killed and 80 Other Unfortunates Injured.

Five hundred People Left Houseless to View the Melancholy Scene of Ruin.

Nearly all Public Buildings Damaged and a Loss of \$300,000 Inflicted.

RUINED ROCHESTER.

HORRIBLE WORK OF THE CYCLONE. ROCHESTER, Special Telegram, Aug. 22.—The citizens of Rochester are wan of cheek and hollow-eyed, and well they may, since they passed last evening as evil a quarter of an hour as ever fell to the experience of man, and to this succeeded a night of horror, such as made men used to the terrors of a stricken field wince and shudder.

THE ATTACK OF THE RESISTLESS MONSTER. Full 300 feet in the air it rose, and in its whirling mass were trees and stones, animals and debris of every conceivable description. The dome of the court house melted from view, though touched merely by the hem of the wind.

SCORES OF BODIES mangled, cut, torn and bruised, some breathing, some breathless, were taken out. By sunrise those of the dead or wounded who had friends were speedily borne to private homes.

MANGLING AND DEAD. A feather bed yonder twisted like a rope, and touching its edge a student's lamp, with even the chimney intact. Down near the river stands the large Cole mill, with a cyclonic bite taken from its western end.

FILLING EVERYONE WITH TERROR. Then came the awful roar so well known as the precursor of a cyclone, and the storm burst upon the doomed city. Houses were as straws in the grasp of this terrible power and no tree, of whatever size, in the track of the storm withstood its fury.

THE DAMAGES IN DODGE COUNTY already sent are the following: The family of A. Van Frank are all seriously though not fatally hurt. The following have had barns and houses leveled to the ground:

ON ZUMBROTA STREET. W. S. Booth, residence unroofed; court house, tower down, unroofed; new academy, wrecked; high school house, tower off, chimneys down; Congregational church, spire down; Cook house, partially unroofed; Heaney's block, unroofed; J. A. Cole's mill, unroofed; Chadborn's block, unroofed.

ON BROADWAY. Stocking's brick block, blown down; Beardsley's building, down; Rommel's block, unroofed; Bedder's block, side and end blown out. Several smaller buildings were partially unroofed and sheds and outhouses demolished.

THE KILLED. The following is a list of the killed as far as known: John M. Cole, miller; Mrs. Zierath; August Zierath, hotel keeper; son of the above; Miss Zierath; his sister; Mrs. Osborne and infant child; Mahala McCormick; M. Heizerl; W. Higgins; Mrs. Steele, an old lady, daughter of Lewis M. Manly; Mrs. Weatherbee; Jacob Heizerl, farmer on Chadborn's place; Mrs. Schultz; Child of George Hansen, missing, probably dead; Mrs. McQuilian, daughter of Lewis Irving, missing, probably dead; Mrs. Charles Quick and child; and many others not identified.

THE INJURED. The following is a list of the injured as far as known, but is necessarily very incomplete: John Ruidt, wife and child; George Hansen; S. A. Welch, shoulder sprained; Charles Quick and four children, one fatally; Dr. Weatherbee, dying; Mrs. Osborne and little girl; Hazzerly, head hurt; Dr. B. Eaton, head badly cut and bruised; Enos Matteson; Fred Clough; Charles Clough, nephew of John Polz, leg arm and nose broken; Annie Zierath; Otto Rire; John Hone; Dan Roth; Mrs. Roth; Mrs. Jane Bradley; Mrs. Humphrey Marshall; Humphrey Heron; Mrs. Chapman, old lady; Ed Chapman, her son; Mrs. Chapman, his wife; Mrs. Carter, widow; John M. Quilian; Dan O'Brien, probably fatally; Mr. Gerdy; Mrs. Gerdy; Mr. McCormick; Frank Schultz, badly hurt on head and limbs; Mrs. Smith; infant child of Fred Rick; William Leach; R. E. Williams; John Schenck, badly cut; Milo Sweeney; Oscar Hawkins; Mrs. Irwin and three children, two badly; Neise Hansen, wife and child, latter badly; three children names unknown; Edward Coon, leg broken.

BEFORE THE CYCLONE. The weather throughout the day had been unsettled but not unusually threatening. Clouds would form and disappear, forming again heavier than before. The wind was mostly from the southeast, blowing scud clouds with it, while away above the rain-bearing stratum drove from the northwest all day.

city it began to assume a horrible appearance. The whole sky was tinged a ghastly green, and the masses of clouds swept around here and there in gigantic circles. Wherever it was possible people took to their cellars, and in no case where that was done was life lost.

THE RUINED CITY. The following business buildings south of the railway were simply unroofed and slightly injured: Cook's hotel, Stebbins & Co., Horton's Opera House block, Ozmeier & Booth, W. H. Seward, J. A. Cole's mill, Rommel's block, T. P. Hall & Co., Mrs. P. Graf, Broadway house.

MR. COLE'S FATE. Mr. Cole, who was in the mill when the cyclone reached it, thinking his house a safer place, started for it, but had not gone twenty feet before he was caught up by the wind, carried a distance of eight or ten rods and dashed to the earth a mangled corpse. The residences south of the railroad to Zumbrota street all suffered, losing roofs, windows and chimneys.

OTHER TOWNS WIPED OUT. Reports from outlying towns are coming in slowly, and show that the damage is not confined to this city. Pleasant Grove is reported annihilated, two persons being killed and ten wounded. The town of Salem lay in the track of the cyclone southwest of here, and is said to be wiped out.

ELEVATOR LIES ACROSS THE RAILWAY TRACK, and the warehouse and offices of Whitten & Judd are a mass of ruins. The Rochester harvester works are completely pulverized, not two feet of the wall remaining standing. All of the machinery is a total loss.

IN DODGE COUNTY. In the townships of Westfield, Ashland and Canisteo there were five deaths—Mrs. Helmbrecht, Mrs. Christian Olson and infant, an old lady, mother of Mrs. Ole Mulda, and one man, name not learned. Young Mrs. Mulda is fatally hurt, as is Andreas Frederickson, Joseph Thornorton, north of St. Charles, Winona county, was killed, and his wife and other inmates of the house injured.

NOAH'S ARK. Finding the Ancient Vessel in a Glacier on Mount Ararat. A Constantinople newspaper announces the discovery of Noah's ark. It appears that some Turkish commissioners appointed to investigate the question of avalanches on Mount Ararat suddenly came upon a gigantic structure of very dark wood protruding from a glacier.

George Stocking's and A. D. Vedder's brick blocks ruined. Every elevator more or less hurt. Horton's elevator lifted bodily and thrown across the railroad track.

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The Ruined City. Rochester, the county seat of Olmsted county, is a city of about 6,000 inhabitants. It was one of the handsomest cities of the many of which Minnesota can boast. It is laid out regularly, with broad streets, shaded by numerous trees, with the Zumbrota river winding its way through the city from north to south, with a fine public park in the center of the city.

Civil Rights Decision. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A decision was rendered by Judge Mills in the police court today in the civil rights case of Rev. George H. Smith (colored) of Norwich, Conn., against James W. Bell, proprietor of a restaurant. The ground of complaint was that the defendant had denied the accommodations of his restaurant to the plaintiff on account of the latter's color, and suit was brought to enforce the criminal provisions of the act of March 1, 1875.

Disappointments of Travelers. New Brunswick correspondence Belist (Me) Journal. The trip thus far has been a series of disappointments to me. I supposed that when I struck the Provinces that I should see a different people, three legged or double headed or something of that sort, but they are just like anybody else, even to the nose.

Strange Death By Lightning. Mr. Robert Claiborne is a brother to Mrs. T. P. Leathers, wife of the captain of the Natchez. He is postmaster at Point Coupee, besides having the agency of the Pool line and other boats at that point.

The salon of Ellis & Lee, at Walker-ville, Mont., has been burned. Loss \$5,000, partly insured.