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Friday Night's Cyclone.

The Loss of Life May Possibly Reach Seventy-five All Told.—Many Persons Were Injured.—The Storm Went Through a Farming Community but Also Struck Several Populous Towns.—The Destruction in Many Places Complete.—Much Property Was Destroyed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., September 23.—Reports of the destruction wrought by Friday night's cyclone indicate that the loss of life will be in the neighborhood of seventy-five, while the injured will be several times as many. Some of those hurt are expected to die and it is not unlikely that fully 100 persons will be numbered in the list of the cyclone's fury. The property loss is very heavy and it is almost impossible at this time to obtain anything more than rough estimates of the damage.

As indicated in last night's dispatches, the storm originated near Emmetsburg, Iowa, and passed east and north to northern Iowa and southern Minnesota, finally passing over into Wisconsin. No reports of serious damage have been received from this section, and the fury of the elements seems to have been spent with the destruction of Spring Valley. Here four persons are dead and some severely hurt, while the property loss is estimated at \$85,000, the residence portion of the town lying directly in the path of the cyclone. At Leroy, lying southwest, four are dead and several fatally hurt. The destruction to property amounts to about \$75,000. This is a heavy blow to the village, for its chief business houses lie in ruins.

Five miles north of Osage, Iowa, six persons were killed and a large number hurt. The destruction of farm property is quite heavy, but no estimates have been made. East at Lowther, a town of about 100 souls on the Chicago and Great Western railroad, three persons were fatally hurt and the whole country for miles around laid in ruins. The loss in this vicinity will probably not be far from \$100,000. Fifteen miles north of Mason City, Iowa, four persons were killed outright and as many more probably fatally hurt, while all the buildings struck are total wrecks, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$50,000. West of Mason City, near Britt, two persons were killed outright, while north of this town some half dozen lost their lives. North of Algona seems to have been the scene of the greatest death, more persons being killed in Kosciusko county than in any other one county through which the tornado passed. Nineteen funerals were held at Algona to-day.

North of Emmetsburg, which seems to have been the point where the cyclone first assumed dangerous proportions, two lives were crushed out. From here the deadly storm went tearing across the country, demolishing everything in its path. For the most part of its course it travelled through a farming district, Leroy and Spring Valley, Minn., being the only two towns of any consequence that were damaged, but even here the deaths were comparatively few. The fact that the storm went tearing through a portion of Spring Valley and the greater portion of the residents were not aware of its work of destruction until the fire bells were rung, shows what a narrow strip of country was swept.

As the storm travelled through the country and avoided villages and towns the property loss is largely confined to farm buildings, and these being badly shattered render even an approximation of the loss impossible, but conservative estimates place the damage at not less than \$1,000,000.

KILLED BY A TORNADO.

WESLEY, Ia., Sept. 23.—A tornado in this vicinity Friday night killed fourteen persons.

Over fifty persons were injured, many of them fatally. Nearly all the fatalities occurred in houses which had been blown down. At Crystal Rock two persons were killed and several injured.

NINE PERSONS KILLED.

BUTTE, Ia., Sept. 23.—Nine persons were killed by the tornado Friday night.

A score were injured. Farm houses and fences were levelled.

FIVE KILLED INSTANTLY.

OSAGE, Ia., Sept. 23.—A tornado struck the thickly settled farming community five miles northeast of Osage at 10 o'clock Friday night. Five people were killed instantly, and one was fatally injured.

The residences of Louis Fenner, Patrick Lonergan, jr., William Perry, Philip Herbert, Mrs. Nichols and Cotter and Benjamin Kestern were destroyed, with all the outbuildings, grain in stacks and some stock. Valuable apple orchards were uprooted.

During the storm, which was by far the worst ever known in this section of Iowa, hail fell for an hour. There is scarcely a house in the community with a whole window. A flood of rain fell and the streets were converted into rivers.

A report from St. Ansgar says the wind took out the new suspension bridge over the Cedar river.

ANOTHER LIST OF FATALITIES.

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 24.—At 9 o'clock Friday night a tornado burst upon the residence portion of North Cerro Gordo, destroying eight farm houses.

—A city preacher thus defined love in his sermon this morning: "It's an inward inexpressibility of an outward all overness." He should now give a dictionary diagram of a kiss.

—The largest baby ever known was the child of Mr. and Mrs. Lennon and was born in Macon, Ga., in 1890. When 24 hours old the infant weighed nearly forty pounds.

Chinese-Japanese Naval Fight.

Four of the Vessels of China Destroyed. None of the Japanese Ships Lost.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Japanese legation here received a dispatch from Tokio this morning stating that the Japanese fleet, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of Sept. 16, met eleven Chinese war ships and six torpedo boats thirty-five miles north-west of Hai Yang Tiao, and that in the ensuing battle four of the Chinese ships were sunk and one was burned. It was at first assumed that this dispatch gave the result of another battle than the one fought off the mouth of the Yalu river, but a later dispatch from Tokio to the Central News, though differing somewhat in respect to details, makes it clear that it is the Yalu engagement that is treated of.

According to the Central News advices, at noon on Sept. 17, instead of 1 p. m. on Sept. 16, as stated in the dispatch to the Japanese legation, nine Japanese war ships, conveying two armed transports, sighted twelve Chinese ships and six gunboats. The fighting began by an attack upon three of the Chinese war ships, which were sunk. As the fighting progressed, another Chinese war ship was set on fire and destroyed, but the remaining eight, only one of which was uninjured, together with the six gunboats, succeeded in getting away.

The Japanese war ships, Matsushima and Hi Yo, were slightly damaged, and one of the armed transports was seriously crippled, but none of the Japanese ships were lost. The Japanese loss was twenty-one killed and forty six wounded.

The Elephant Overrated.

It Has Capacities for Obedience, but Its Intelligence is a Myth.

The elephant's intelligence has been greatly overrated. Its size, solid behavior, gentleness, the ease and grace with which it uses its trunk, have led to extravagant stories, accepted in Europe with pleasure, because of its many good qualities, but not able to bear investigation any more than its reputed height. Such are the fables about picking up needles and lifting cannon with its trunk, or squirting dirty water over the tailor who pricked its trunk. The natives never set it with the fox, crow, and monkey in their stories.

Another reason for the myths is its wonderful capacity for obedience, and, of course, its intelligence ranges fairly high. But in reasoning the dog is superior, and it never displays originality. Whole herds, driven together, never combine in any movement for escape, and can be led to enclosures of which all the other wild beasts fight shy. They never think of knocking off the mahouts from the towers elephants riding among them, though this they could easily do with their trunk. Single elephants are easily tied to trees by men concealed behind them, without finding out that anything is being done. A mother elephant is helpless when its calf falls into a pit. It neither breaks down the edges, nor throws in fodder; it simply watches it until it is captured or starved. But their docility, as said, makes amends for many such shortcomings.

The Snow Plant.

The snow plant, which blooms a vivid crimson in California, is a parasite on the roots of the pine tree and is obtained by digging a little way into the soil after the snow has melted. The flower is in size and structure much like that of a medium sized pineapple and loses its beauty immediately after removal from the soil. A great variety of pine trees, as well as those of the cedar, madrone and manzanita, are found in California forests, and there are to be seen the strange tree tendrils of the white pine, which project along the body of the tree from its base to its topmost branches, assuming diverse and fantastic forms, and clothed with a brilliant golden moss. These tree tendrils remind one of every particular, save that of their gigantic size, of coral formations and seem aptly to deserve the name of moss coral as they doop their brilliant arms toward the earth, apparently recognizing an affinity with the coral creations of the deep.—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Here are a couple of guides to happiness which some wise person has lately discovered: "For a fit of passion take a walk in the open air. You may then speak to the wind without hurting any person or proclaiming yourself to be a simpiton. For a fit of idleness count the ticks of a clock. Do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat and go to work like a man."

—Rev. Samuel Creighton has been officially notified of his appointment as pastor of the M. E. church at Lewis-town, to succeed Rev. J. B. Polsgrove. The latter takes the place of Rev. Lentz, deceased, as presiding elder of the Juniata District.

—Desha Breckinridge, the son of W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Ky., is altogether too handy with his knife and he ought to be locked up for his offenses in that line. If the serious crime he committed on Friday is not severely punished, it will be an encouragement to do worse in the future.

Two of a Kind.

"Hullo! I see the chestnut to the robin. 'What are you?'
"I'm a little bird," said the robin.
"What are you?"
"I'm a little burrod, too," said the chestnut.—Tammany Times.

—An authority on cats says that yellow hairs, no odds how few in number, always indicate that the wearer is a female. He further adds: No male cat was ever known to have the slightest tint of yellow.

Art in the Occident.

The following is said to be a verbatim account of the introduction of an eminent violinist to a far Western audience:

"Ladies and gentlemen," began Col-onel Handy Polk, the well-known real-estate agent, stepping to the front of the stage and addressing the audience, "it is my privilege this evening to introduce to you Signor—, the notorious furrin fiddler, who will endeavor to favor us with some high-class and a No. 1 violin-playin'." The signor was born and raised in Italy, where fiddlin' is not merely a fad, but as much of a business as politics is in this country, and when it comes to handlin' the bow, he emphatically knows where he is at. He hasn't dropped into our midst by accident, but comes under the auspices of the Literary Society, which is payin' his wages and backin' him to the last gasp. So let it be understood that if you happen to have any criticisms to offer, you are to do your kickin' to the society, and not to the signor. I'll jest add that if you expect him to swing the fiddle around his head or play it under his leg, like we used to skip stones across the swimmin'-hole when we were little boys and girls, you may just as well go right now get your money back from the door keeper, for the signor hasn't that kind of a player. That's all I have to say at present. Start her up, signor."—in Harpers Magazine for October.

A Mammoth Bee Hive.

"Mammoth Cave in Kentucky is getting to be a gigantic bee hive," said A. R. Lewis. The last time I went through this big hole in the ground I took both the long and the short routes, as they are called by the guides. At several places there were rather too many bees for me to feel entirely comfortable, although I was not attacked by any of them. If the cave should be explored for honey some rich finds would undoubtedly be made. The bees are increasing constantly. In fact, while I have visited the cave frequently for several years, it has only been about two years since I knew that they were there, and this year it would be impossible for a visitor not to know it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—Henry C. Work, the author of "Marching through Georgia," was a printer, who brought his first song, "Kingdom Coming," to Dr. George F. Foot, then a member of a music publishing firm in Chicago. It pleased the latter so well that he induced the composer to give up his trade and devote all his time to writing songs. He became a prosperous business man in Chicago, but lost all he had in the great fire and never recovered his prosperity. He lived the last years of his life in Hartford, and died there.

—You are not within a half day's walk of good health if you have those occasional sick-headaches with which so many persons are afflicted. In the large majority of cases they are the direct result of a disordered liver, and can be completely cured by a simple course of medicine. Ask C. M. Parrish your druggist, for Ramon's Tonic Liver Pills, and follow the directions faithfully. Before a fortnight is past you will be thoroughly well and healthy. With the pills you also get some Tonic Pellets for building up the wasted strength. Sample dose free.

—Brooklyn is enjoying an undertakers' war, and cut rate funerals save heirs some money. One body was kept above ground 24 hours by an undertaker who had a lead pipe cinch on his coffin bill by holding the deed to a cemetery lot to security. He would not allow the body to be laid away in the pest house until the bill was satisfied, and mourners and preachers had to go home until funds were collected for square accounts. People are strictly business in and around the metropolis.

—The new Post Office at Omaha is partially built on land owned by Mrs. Cleveland, for which the Government paid \$60,000. Mrs. Cleveland has other property in the same neighborhood worth about \$50,000. These lots she inherited from her uncle, Benjamin Folsom, who went out to Nebraska as a pioneer early in the fifties, and whose "grub stake" was furnished by the father of the President's wife.

—John Wanamaker in politics tells the people that protection reduces prices, but in business he tells them that he gives them the advantage of a Democratic tariff in reduced prices.

—Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a secret preparation. Any physician may have the formula on application. The secret of its success as a medicine lies in its extraordinary power to cleanse the blood of impurities and cure the most deep-seated cases of blood disease.

—More than half a million dollars was realized from two days' silk sale just ended in New York. The \$2,000 pieces were taken by an army of buyers from all over the country, which, business men declare, is a sure sign that the times are bound to be brighter, as the empty shelves must be refilled.

—Do you read that awful trash that comes out on the second page of the Howler every day? "I write it."
"Well, I should say not; I write it."

—Bodies of moths are covered with a thick down because the insects require protection from the dampness of the night.

Hand Numeration.

The Indians of Guiana have a curious system of numeration. They count by the hand and its four fingers. Thus, when they reach five, instead of saying so, they call it a "hand." Six is therefore a "hand and first finger," seven, a "hand and second finger." Ten is "two hands," but 20, instead of being "four hands," is a "man." Forty is "two men," and thus they go on by twenties. Forty-six is expressed as "two men, a hand and first finger."—Exchange.

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