

**THE ROCHESTER CALAMITY.**

Following is a revised list of the killed and wounded by the cyclone at Rochester and vicinity:

**THE KILLED.**

John M. Cole, Mrs. Zierath; August Zierath, Miss Zierath, Mr. Osborne, Mahala McCormick, Mrs. Steele, M. Hetzel, W. Higgins, Mrs. Weatherbee, Jacob Hetlel, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Fred Clough, Mrs. McQuillan, Mrs. Charles Quick, John Canty, Wm. McGovern, Mr. Berg, Mr. Helmbrech, Mrs. C. Olsen, Mrs. Mulda's mother, unknown man, Job Thorrington, two unknown men, A. Van Frank and several unidentified.

**THE INJURED.**

John Rhud, George Hansen, S. A. Welch, Charles Quick, D. Weatherbee, Mrs. Osborne, Haggerty, Dr. R. Eaton, Enos Matteson, Fred. Clough, Charles Clough; Anna Zierath, Otto Rue, John Hove, Dan Roth, Mrs. Jane Bradley, Mrs. Humphrey Marshall, Humphrey Herson, Mr. Chapman, Ed. Chapman, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Carter, John McQuillan, Dan O'Brien, Mr. Gerdy, Mrs. Gerdy, Mr. McCormick, Frank Schultz, Mrs. Smith, William Leach, R. K. Williams, John Shenrock, Milo Sweeny, Oscar Hawkins, Mrs. Irwin, Nels Hansen, Edward Coon, G. Poulson, Ole Mardia, John Donovan and family, family of Wm. McGovern, family of T. McGovern, Mrs. Mulda, Andrew Frederickson, Mrs. Thorrington and several unknown.

**THE PATH OF THE STORM.**

Charles Wilson's barn on College Hill was about the first building struck. It was demolished. Next W. S. Booth's house was unroofed, the cupola of the courthouse was lifted and dashed through the roof to the auditor's office, two chimneys on Albert Harrington's new residence were blown over and broke the rafters, the steeple of the Methodist church was blown off and dashed through the roof pressing out the east wall crushing through the audience room and passing to the basement. The steeple of the Congregational church was blown off, the roof of the Baptist church was injured slightly. Nearly every tin roof of the business blocks on Broadway was blown off. Geo. Stockings's new brick grocery store corner of Fourth and Broadway was demol-

ished with its contents. Vedder's block of three stores had the roof taken off and the south side blown off. The depot was unroofed and badly wrecked. Van Dusen & Co.'s elevator had about a third of the roof blown off and the south side badly injured. Whetton & Judd's elevator was unroofed, Horton's elevator was cut into in the middle and one-half thrown on a freight train on a side track. The Rochester Harvester works buildings were completely demolished. The Zumbro flouring mills, owned by John M. Cole, had a portion of the third story blown out bodily and the whole structure is badly racked. The engine house and cooper shop were wrecked, two car loads of flour were blown into the race and eight cars on the track were turned over.

Mrs. Gilbert Smith's house, standing west of the Asylum, had the roof of the main part blown off.

Trees and debris are scattered throughout the streets and great rolls of tin roofing are strewn around the business thoroughfares.

A hospital has been improvised in Library Hall, where all of the homeless wounded are lying on cots and receiving every possible attention. While coming out of this scene of suffering Judge Start was met with an armful of bedclothes, which he had purchased for the use of the hospital. "One month ago," said he, "we passed through a cyclone ordeal, but nothing like so severe as this. The dead, wounded and homeless demand our immediate attention and there are so many of the latter that we shall have to ask for assistance from the outside."

Relief committees were formed early Wednesday morning. Surgeons were assigned to duty at Library hall, and the ladies came forward nobly to minister to the wounded. A dining hall was opened on Broadway free to all who were without food.

During the day some \$2,500 in cash was raised for immediate relief.

#### THE HOMELESS.

All of the dwelling houses destroyed were occupied and owned by people in moderate circumstances, principally laborers, who lost their all by the terrible visitation. These buildings were mostly north of the railroad track. Through this district oak trees are stripped of their foliage, nearly all of them being twisted, broken and blackened. Sidewalks are carried away, fences gone, household effects, or rather the remnants of them, are strewn on all sides, with here and there a house half demolished and moved from its foundations. The whole presents a sad scene of ruin and desolation, wrought by the cyclone in five minutes, that cannot be described in whole pages of type.

#### OUTSIDE OF ROCHESTER.

After leaving Rochester the cyclone went in a direct easterly course, devastating nearly everything in its path for a distance of ten miles, and about a mile in width. Of the grain that was either in shock or in stack throughout this distance, there remains scarcely a vestige, nearly every field being swept clean, and but four farm houses are left standing, the rest having been swept away, not even a board in sight. One field of one hundred acres of corn was laid flat and every leaf stripped from the stalk. Mr. John Canty's house, which stood directly in the path of the storm, was carried some distance from its foundation, in an opposite direction to the general course of the cyclone.

#### THE INJURED.

The injuries of those in the hospital are nearly all of the nature of cuts about the head, face and arms. The whole number of injured reported is fifty-one, that are under the care of surgeons. A large number with slight bruises are not included in this list.

#### THE DEAD.

Mrs. Charles Rathke, who was reported injured, has since died.

Mrs. Will Parker, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Frank Shultz, among the unrecognized dead, have since been identified.

Of the killed four were old ladies.

Outside of Rochester there were five killed and ten injured in Olmsted county. The killed were John Canty, Mr. Berg, Mr. Wells, J. D. Franklin and Henry Richardson.

#### INJURED OUTSIDE OF ROCHESTER.

Among the wounded are Mr. Coons, Mr. Clements, Wm. McGovern, two of Thos. McGovern's children, two of Mr. Donovan's children, Mrs. Charles Cross, and Katie Rice.

East of Rochester Mr. Tenney's wife and one child were injured. He lost his farm buildings and had five horses and a cow killed.

A large amount of stock has been killed which has not yet been enumerated.

#### SAFETY IN THE CELLAR.

The beautiful suburban residence of Mr. Horace Leland, one mile east of Rochester was entirely demolished to

gether with all of the outbuildings. Mr. Leland had passed through the New Ulm cyclone and used the knowledge gained there to good advantage. From his house he saw and watched the ominous black clouds coming down from the west. As he entered the valley about Rochester he at once determined it was a cyclone, its appearance being that of a large round pillar of black clouds extending from the earth upwards. In front of it were clouds of a lighter color in very active commotion. As it was moving rapidly in the direction of his house, he summoned the hired man and the girl and the three took refuge in the cellar. In about two minutes his beautiful home was swept away from over them, and they beheld the angry clouds passing off to the eastward, leaving only ruin in their path. A falling stone struck the servant girl upon the head, inflicting a wound quite severe but not dangerous. Mr. Leland conveyed her to Cook's hotel where she received proper surgical treatment and showed signs of improvement last evening.

#### ACCIDENT TO LOUIS POSZ.

Louis Posz and Mr. Filsch were out hunting, having a horse and buggy with them, and seeing the storm coming they drove to a farm house, hitched their horse to a post and went into the barn. The barn was blown to pieces, Posz being carried some distance into a field and had his leg broken. The harness was stripped from the horse and with the buggy was blown away.

#### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

*Correspondence of The Winona Republican.*

Rochester, Aug. 22.

I got from Mr. Filsch, who was out with my brother, full particulars of the accident which happened four miles north of Rochester, where the storm overtook them on their return home from chicken hunting. When the storm appeared coming they tied their horse and buggy to a tree and ran into a shed near a farm house and hung to a post, which was in the direction the storm was coming over a barn, which barn was thrown on the shed, and then took Louis off

with the debris and landed him. He rolled some 200 feet when the storm took him up again and carried him up some thirty or forty feet across a small ravine and landed him near a tree. His comrade retained his hold all this time, and witnessed the affair, and came out not much hurt, otherwise than some bruises by flying timbers. Louis has no broken bones, but is bruised about the head and thigh and suffers considerably at times from pains, and unless inflammation sets in will come out all right. Twenty six dead at 8 p. m. H. W. Posz.

#### OTHER ACCIDENTS.

Mrs. Osborne's infant was taken from its mother's arms and blown some distance and killed. It was found underneath a feather bed.

Another infant was blown out of a house and afterwards found in a cellar unharmed.

Mr. Helenbrecht of Dodge county on seeing the storm approaching chained himself and wife to a post in the yard. He remained chained, but his wife was blown away by the cyclone and torn to pieces, all of her body being found next day excepting one leg.

One child died in the hospital Wednesday.

The number of wounded outside of the city cannot be fully ascertained for a day or two.

The body of a man was found in the river near the Zumbro flouring mills on Wednesday evening.

The body of an infant was found among the ruins Wednesday evening.

A farmer going home from Rochester was overtaken by the cyclone. He was bounded up from his seat to the top of his buggy several times, then thrown out upon the ground. The harness was

stripped from his horses and wound about the tongue. One of the horses was injured so that he will die.

The cemetery was struck by the cyclone and nearly all of the large monuments were blown down; also, much damage done to ornamental trees and shrubbery.

One of the towers of the Insane Asylum was cracked, and some other slight damage sustained.

The Southern Minnesota Fair Association buildings were uninjured.

Frank Bey, six miles south of Dodge Center, had his dwelling destroyed; loss, \$1,000. His family are reported hurt, but not seriously. Sam. Whitton's barn was shattered and the roof blown off; loss, \$500. Chamberlain Ashland's barn, outbuildings, crops and six head of cattle were destroyed; loss, \$5,000. Mr. Halenbrick, house, barn and all other buildings were destroyed; loss, \$2,500. His wife is supposed to be lost. Ten or fifteen farms owned by Norwegians in the town of Vernon were devastated. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 and six people are reported killed. It is reported that all of Mrs. Helenbrick's body has been found but one leg.

**ESTIMATED LOSSES.**

John M. Cole's flouring mill.....	\$ 30,000
Methodist church.....	6,000
School house.....	2,000
Court house.....	2,000
Stocking's building and stock of groceries...	3,000
Vedder's block.....	2,000
Elevators and warehouses.....	30,000
Third Ward school house.....	6,000
Creamery.....	9,000
Congregational church.....	1,000
Railroad bridge.....	6,000
Round house.....	2,000
Depot and other property.....	5,000
Iron bridge at Broadway.....	6,000
Two hundred houses destroyed.....	150,000
Two hundred houses injured.....	30,000
Rochester Harvester Works.....	20,000
Cascade flouring mill.....	5,000
Horace Leland's farm residence.....	5,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$320,000.</b>

**DAMAGE IN THE COUNTRY.**

*Special Dispatch to The Winona Republican.*

Rochester, Aug. 22d.

Mr. Edna Sawyer of Rochester, who happened to be in the neighborhood of Plainview, gives some information concerning the devastating work of the cyclone in that section. He says that Messrs. Martin Sawyer, Col. Feller, Henry Stanfield and Byron Gilpin, lost heavily, their houses, barns and crops being blown to pieces and much of their live stock injured by flying timbers or crushed by grain stored in the barns.

Mr. Samuel Evans, living east of Mr. Gilpin, lost twenty-five tons of hay and fifteen acres of timothy seed in shock.

The Richardson Bros. lost eighty acres of barley in stack.

The barn, granary and machine shed of Mr. Evans were badly wrecked and the contents were scattered over the farm. His loss is over \$2,500. Mr. Nic. Murphy will lose about half of his crop; his house and barn escaped. Mr. John Wiggins, situated about a mile south of Mr. Murphy, had his house badly damaged; the ell was torn from the house and the main part removed from the foundation, and every window light was broken. His granary was turned up side down, the barn removed from the foundation and entire crop was blown away. Passing about a mile east it struck the farm of Samuel Tenney, in Six Oaks township, the house, barn and machine

shed are a total loss. Three horses which were in the barn were crushed by the falling grain stored above. The loss in grain is estimated as follows: Barley, 2,000 bushels; rye, 500 bushels; wheat, 600 bushels; oats, 400 bushels. The larger part of the foregoing was of last year's crop. This year's crop, comprising all kinds of farm products, was destroyed. A Norman stallion was buried for several hours in the wreck, but was taken out alive. One of Mr. Tenney's cows was killed in the pasture. The kitchen of Mr. Miles Bentley, half a mile to the south, was blown away and his corn crop laid flat on the ground and partly stripped of its leaves. The hay barracks of Mr. George Hollenbeck, one mile and a half from Little Valley, was taken up into the air and carried about forty rods. His barn was damaged and all of his pasture fences were blown away.

Among the people injured in the course of the cyclone in this section above mentioned, were Mr. Henry Stanfield, his wife and child; Henry Richardson, and a son of Mrs. Evans. A laborer on the farm of Mrs. Evans was taken up and carried up in the air about 40 feet, and on falling was injured in the left side and back. Samuel Tenney of Oaks township was severely injured in the back. Others are slightly injured.

The destruction of property is extensive through the towns of Plainview, Viola and Six Oaks, and later reports will be given more fully.

## ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS FROM LEWIS

TON.

*Special Dispatch to The Republican.*

Lewiston, Aug. 22.

The wind storm last evening at eight p. m. passed north of here three and a half miles, about on the town line between Utica and Norton. Barns and granaries were unroofed, stock scattered in every direction, and grain in shocks completely carried away leaving the fields as dead as it could be done by teams. At Conrad Stellwagen's, four miles east of here, the storm struck with all its fury completely ruining every building on the farm, breaking two ribs and nose for Mr. Stellwagen, and slightly hurting several others, but none fatally. Mr. Stellwagen had just completed a new house and a very fine barn. His loss will reach \$2,500; August Stralow, \$800; August Dorn, \$300. The storm could be seen from Lewiston, and had more the appearance of a whirlwind than cyclone. A great many others lost in blowing down of stacks and scattering of grain, but the above are the heaviest losers in this locality.

IN THE VICINITY OF ST. CHARLES.

*St. Charles Union—Aug. 22.*

The weather yesterday was threatening all day, it being cloudy and very hot and "muggy." Towards evening, a storm originated to the southwest of St. Charles. It presented a terrific appearance, and many predicted we would hear of a cyclone in some quarter. Later in the evening, perhaps about seven o'clock, the wind blew with considerable violence directly from the southwest, black clouds passed over the city, and when apparently two or three miles northeast of us, formed an ugly looking bank, having a point projecting towards the ground. About nine o'clock a messenger arrived, who stated that Mr. Thorington's house, about four miles northeast of town, had been blown to pieces and all of the family seriously hurt. Drs. Clark and Chamberlin were summoned to attend the suff-



exers. When they arrived, Mr. Thorington was still living, but shortly after breathed his last. He was hurt internally and terribly bruised about the head and face. The family had just arisen from the supper table at the time the wind struck the house, when they made a rush for the doors, but too late for all of them to escape. Those that did get out were hurried they knew not whither. Mrs. Thorington, while considerably bruised, is not considered dangerously hurt. Her son George, wife and child were also hurt. George, it is said, was carried in to a tree. The hired girl, whose name we cannot ascertain, was very badly injured, but may recover. Dr. Martin's son Willard, one of the twins, was seriously hurt, at first thought fatally, but he is now better. He was helping during the harvest.

The fine grove about Mr. Thorington's house is partially destroyed. A large oak tree was broken off close to the ground and carried more than fifty yards. The barn was also demolished. The horses were not hurt, although the harness was stripped from them completely. The family were tenderly cared for by the neighbors.

Considerable other damage is reported in the vicinity. Hay and grain, in the shock and stack, are strewn around promiscuously. It was at one time rumored that Alex. Gilmore's house was leveled—a report that happily proved groundless. A part of H. Lybarger's house was unroofed; also part of Charles Robbin's house. A farm house belonging to V. Simpson, and occupied by a family named Binder, was wholly demolished, and the inmates severely handled.

The large barn on the Summit farm, now owned by H. W. Lamberton, was partially destroyed. This barn will be remembered by old settlers as having been erected in 1856. It was then the largest barn in the county, and was built by Wm. Ashley Jones.

In the northern part of this city some damage was done. Postmaster Pickert's barn was canted out of shape, although filled with hay, and J. Huckins's kitchen was loosened from the main part of the house and turned over. Other minor damage was done in the neighborhood, such as the demolition of chimneys and shade tree—a pretty close call for St. Charles.

#### IN WISCONSIN.

EAU CLAIRE, Aug. 22.—One man was fatally injured and another killed outright by lightning last evening on the tramway on which lumber is carried from the Mississippi Logging Company's mill at Chippewa Falls during the violent storm. No damage to buildings in this city has been reported.

