

**SOME OF THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT IN
DODGE COUNTY—RELIEF MEASURES.***Correspondence of The Winona Republican.***DODGE CENTER, Aug. 27, 1883.**

The citizens of Dodge Center held a meeting Friday evening to devise some means to relieve the suffering people in the recent cyclone. Hon. John Peterson was made chairman of the meeting, and C. H. Benton secretary. It was decided to select three committees: First, an investigating committee, consisting of C. J. Humason, Levi Leighton and C. J. Brown, to find out who the sufferers were and their needs; another committee to solicit aid, and one to distribute to the needy ones. Those to solicit aid were T. J. Hunt, G. W. Parsons and R. G. Hill.

The third committee were composed of the same as above. Quite a good many things have already been received in the line of clothing and household goods and have been given to those most in need, still this is hardly a drop in the bucket.

The investigating committee were out yesterday and found matters much worse than was expected.

The house and contents of Mr. Van Franks were totally destroyed, two of his children badly hurt—one will probably die; his crops all gone. Frank Wyatt's house and grain all gone and family hurt. John Wyatt's granary and part of his

house and all his hay and grain gone.

Mr. Chamberlain's loss is quite heavy. Barn unroofed and about \$200 worth of wool taken out, six other buildings blown down. He loses eight head of cattle and a number with their horns taken off; three colts badly cut up, and will die; his wind mill blown on to his house and crushing through the roof; his crops are all gone; his fine grove is destroyed. Joe Langworthy loses his crop and house. Ed. Langworthy loses the same. Frank Bey's house and contents gone; family went into an outside cellar and saved their lives. Mr. Derby's family ran out of the house into the willows and saved their lives, but lost crops, house and contents. Henry Franklin loses part of his crop. Mr. Beard loses crops, house and all buildings. John Duffin loses everything. Now the people of Dodge Center have petitioned to the village council to use \$300 from the village fund for the relief of these sufferers. Kasson takes \$200 from her treasury and we understand that the State will send \$500 for Dodge Center. This of course will help considerable, but some of these parties will have to be cared for all winter. Our committee will endeavor to act with the Kasson committee and do all that is possible for the suffering ones.

ELGIN AND VICINITY.

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ELGIN, Aug. 27.

Sufficient time has elapsed since the cyclone of last Tuesday night for a breathing spell, so we will endeavor to give in brief an accurate account of the storm so far as this vicinity is concerned. At some time between five and six o'clock in the evening the clouds in the west were of a very suspicious looking character and soon the lightning became incessant and most blinding, and from the increasing darkness it was evident that something more than an ordinary storm might be expected. By seven o'clock a heavy thunder-storm was raging at this place, and shortly afterwards the wind blew a perfect gale, while the rain fell in torrents and now and then hail-stones of immense size were mingled with it. The storm was soon over with and in a little while, with a brisk breeze still blowing, the stars looked down upon the desolation wrought by the elements, and twinkled as though nothing had happened.

In less than half an hour from the time the storm was raging, a messenger came in on horseback for a doctor, and told us of the ruin wrought some three or four miles south and east of this place. We were soon upon the scene. The first place in the track of the cyclone proper that we reached was the residence of Mr. Byron Gilpin. A substantial frame dwelling had been swept so clean from the face of the earth that hardly a whole board or timber remains. Mrs. Gilpin with her little boy and young babe sought refuge in the cellar, and notwithstanding the fact that the top of the chimney fell into the cellar, escaped with only slight bruises. Mr. Gilpin, who was returning from Elgin on foot, saw the storm coming and ran with all his might, but only reached his straw stable in time to take refuge in it and was unharmed.

A few rods distant from Mr. Gilpin's lines lives "Uncle Tom" Richardson. His barns, granary and outbuildings, all substantial structures, and a new lumber wagon and buggy, were swept from the ground as cleanly as though they had never existed. A part of his house was

also carried away. Loss, \$2,500. His son Henry, who was at the barn at the time the storm struck, endeavored to clear himself from the barn, and by careful presence of mind kept his back toward the flying timbers, and when he could, moved or crawled to one side of the range of them, and saved his life. He clung to the ground and grass, and all of the time realized his situation. His back is pounded almost to a jelly and both shoulder blades are more or less injured. He is doing well, and will, no doubt, recover, though the papers have twice reported him dead. Had he sustained the same blows upon the front of his body that he did upon his back death would undoubtedly have ensued.— At the house a hired man and girl were in the part blown away, but escaped around the remaining portion of the house. The house is a bad wreck, though it can be repaired. Inside doors had panels burst from them by the force of the wind through broken windows. From this place, which is in the northeast part of the town of Viola, we followed the track of the storm westward. Crops were swept clean from the fields all along the track of the storm. Going west from Mr. Richardson's, R. P. Johnson lost stable and sheds, damage slight; John Williams had his barn, windmill, sheds, farming tools badly damaged, besides stacks and uncut grain; loss, \$700. Next comes W. G. Bowers, sheep fold and stacks blown down and crop injured; loss, \$500. The Henry Richardson house, in the valley, also corn crib and sheds are complete wrecks; loss \$700. The house and barns on the Edw. Nidott farm were considerably damaged. Abe Mulholland's loss on crop is from \$300 to \$500. Henry Stanchfuld's beautiful farm house was the next place we visited, and sad indeed was the spectacle upon which the rising moon shed its melancholy light. A few hours before a prosperous happy home, now one of the saddest wrecks of the relentless storm. His buildings consisted of a fine house 24 by 28 feet with an ell 14 by 26 feet, well furnished with much in the way of luxury besides everything needful. Two large and substantial barns, corn cribs, and all the outbuildings needful on a well appointed farm. His loss, including

crop and cattle, will foot up nearly \$7,000. Mr. Stanchfeld and one son were at the barn and sustained only slight bruises. The rest of the family, except Mrs. Standfeld were in the cellar. Just as she was about to step down cellar the house was lifted bodily up and plunged to the northwest and Mrs. Stanchfield fell through the opening for the cellar stairs and lodged between the foundation walls of the rear part of the house. She grasped the top of a lilac bush which was bending with the wind over the wall and in that way escaped with some severe bruises. The cellar was filled full of rubbish, still the children were almost unharmed. P. F. Wells's place comes next west. His house and buildings are a total wreck. His loss is about \$1,500 to \$2,000, including cash. Martin Sawyer's place, further north than the two latter, is stripped of barns and the house is a bad wreck, though most of it is still standing with the roof on. From this point on to Rochester, we will simply give names and estimates of losses as estimated by the Plainview News, Mr. Paradis having made a personal survey of the premises.

- H. H. Vine, on house, barns and crop, \$1,000.
- Walter Smith, on buildings and crop; \$500.
- John Buckley, total loss except land, \$1,000.
- A. Whitney, on buildings and crop, \$1,000.
- John Addler, on buildings and crop, \$2,500.
- Augustus Miller, on new house and crop, \$800.
- James Neville, on buildings, machinery and crops, \$1,000.

Timothy Lawler, on buildings and machinery, complete wreck, and crops, \$5,500.

School house near Lawler's, complete wreck, lost \$900.

Alex. Allen, on outbuildings and machinery, including two new self binders, four wagons, two buggies, crop and orchard, \$3,500.

D. J. Sullivan, on buildings and machinery, \$1,500.

W. Boyd, on buildings and crops, \$400.

H. K. Blithers, on out-building, crops and machinery, \$3,000.

Z. E. Recker, barn and sheds, not estimated.

E. J. Quinlin, house, out-buildings, machinery and crops a complete wreck; \$2,000.

L. L. Allen, crops, house and other buildings a complete wreck; \$2,000.

E. Martin, house, barn and crops; loss, \$1,000.

A. K. Williams, new house complete wreck; barns, crops and machinery badly damaged; \$2,000.

John Canty, who has since died from injuries received, lost all his buildings, machinery and crops; \$3,500.

C. C. Wilson, lost his sheds, corn-cribs and crops; damage not estimated.

From this point we return to Gilpin's and trace the monster to the eastward, or rather a little to the north of east as its general course ran. The first place after leaving Gilpin's, after crossing a mile of devastated cornfields and fields of small grains, we reach the residence of Mrs. J. H. Evans. Her barns, once large and substantial, are a sorry wreck, while the house is but little injured. Her son Herbert and a hired man, Wm. Hamlin, were in the barn at the moment the storm struck. The son sustained only slight bruises, while Mr. Hamlin was carried high up into the air and dropped, after a good deal of twisting, having sustained severe internal injuries. He insisted upon going to Winona on the following day, contrary to the advice of two physicians, and it is now reported that he has since died. Mrs

Evans's loss is estimated at \$2,500.

John Weagent the next place east on the line of the storm was badly wrecked, which, with crop, damage will amount to \$2,000.

Next comes Mr. Samuel Tenney, whose buildings are a sad wreck, and not only crops destroyed, but also a large amount of grain in granary, and five horses killed. His loss figures up no less than \$5,000.

Alex. Ferrier had his buildings, machinery and crops completely destroyed, and his family had a close time getting to the cellar, where they escaped mostly unharmed. His loss is not less than \$3,000.

The next material injury is at the residence of Mr. Milo Wells. He and his family had just seated themselves for supper when the next thing they knew they were in a hay stack which stood close by the house. Their son and another young man were not much injured, while Mrs. Wells was picked up in an insensible condition, and recovery at this time is said to be uncertain. Mr. Wells sustained a scalp injury, but will recover. The house is a clean sweep, scarcely a splinter left to mark its location. His loss is about \$600. Further than this we have learned of no trace of the storm in this direction.

The latter part of last night a threatening storm came up in the west. The thermometer indicated about 50 degrees, and the wind blew quite hard part of the time, mainly from a southerly direction. The lightning was most brilliant, and for a time it rained. Most of our people were on the anxious seat near the entrance to the cellar. If there is anything really quieting to the nerves of an average citizen when threatening clouds appear, it is the assurance that a cozy corner of the cellar is easy of access.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Many of those who had their residences swept off by the cyclone in Rochester, were unable to tell where their houses stood and their premises were located.

Men who saw the Cole flouring mill struck by the cyclone wave said that when it left the building it resembled a cloud of fine gunpowder.

Most of the men in the Rochester hospital seemed to be most severely injured in the spine and suffered excruciating tortures therefrom.

Last Wednesday an uninjured feather bed was found on the farm of a man named Bailey, in the town of Zumbro. It was probably carried there from Roches-

ter by the cyclone, a distance of thirteen miles. Shingles and fragments of buildings are scattered along in places that were outside the direct track of the cyclone, to a distance of many miles east of that devastated city.

THE Fargo subscriptions to the Rochester sufferers have been swelled to over \$3,000. The meeting Sunday night presented a peculiar appearance. Ministers and priests, Protestant and Catholic, sat side by side on the stage with a variety show band playing psalm tunes for the occasion. The results are very gratifying. Besides the \$3,000 several subscriptions were sent in advance.

An old country iron box, inclosing a smaller iron box, in which was \$160, both being locked, were found wrenched open on the site of the house of Thomas J. Leon which was demolished at Salem, while a \$100 greenback lay on the ground near them, which singularly the cyclone refused to take.

Rochester special: Mrs. McMasters died Sunday night, and George Hanson is dying at the hospital. The city is full of visitors and carpenters and tinnors are busy at work. The total number killed outright in the city is fifteen, one in Salem and four have died from injuries. D. Weatherbee died in the hospital Monday. About \$3,000 was received yesterday, making the total contributions \$30,000. Fifty families were provided with stoves, bedding, etc.

Messrs. M. R. Wood and J. C. Price, the committee sent into the eastern portion of the devastated district, submitted the following report to the relief committee to-day: Haverhill township, loss on buildings and machinery—Peter Welch, \$500; O. P. Whitcomb, \$2,000; C. C. Watson, \$2,640; J. Candy, about \$1,500; A. K. Williams, \$2,000; S. Lawrence, \$600; L. Allen, \$1,200; P. J. Quinlan, \$1,000; Ole Grain, \$700; town hall at Blethen's Corners moved from foundation, P. K. Bltchen, \$3,000; H. Morrison, \$150; Alexander Allen, \$2,500; J. M. Lovejoy, \$800. Fling schoolhouse, loss not estimated. I. Lawler, \$1,500; J. Walter, \$2,000; Jane Evans \$600; Mrs. L. B. Martin and son, \$1,200; C. M. Smith, \$2,000; S. Fones, \$1,800; W. Boyd, \$300, F. E. Campbell, \$300; J. G. Burkley, \$1,100; G. M. Hemsprot, \$200; G. H. Mueller, \$1,700; Chas. Callahan, \$1,000; H. Vine, \$200; Philo F. Wells, \$600; M. L. Sawyer, \$2,000; Henry Smithfield, \$10,000; H. C. Richardson, \$2,500; Mrs. Ellen M. Evans, \$3,400; J. W. Eagart, \$700; Samuel Tenny, old grain, \$2,000, stock, \$500; S. J. Brown, \$600; A. Farrier, \$3,000. Total, \$60,700. The loss on grain in the same district is estimated at \$75,000.