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TIMELY TOPICS.

All will cordially endorse the following from the Chicago Herald: It is the duty and it ought to be the pleasure of the postal authorities to give the same close attention to newspaper as to letter mail, but it is also the fact that the failure to do so is conspicious and annoying. A feeling appears to have grown up among postal employes that newspaper mail is of very little consequence, and the result is that in the same proportion as they are careful of letters they are careless of newspapers. Yet the newspaper is often a handy substitute for a letter, and its contents are apt to be quite as important. The delinquency in this regard is not new. Habitual neglect of second-class matter, excused, perhaps, on the ground of the assumed prior importance of first-class matter, has been the rule. The situation calls for the serious consideration of the postmaster general, who ought to secure complete reform in this important particular.

Gov. Swineford of Alaska, has told some remarkable things to the members of the House Territories Committee. The object of his visit to the committee was to urge them to prepare Congress to give a Territorial form of government to Alaska. He told the committee the United States got a treasure when they ought that region, that almost any kind of produce could be raised there, that coal was abundant and that a gold mine worked there in a most primitive manner paid $15 per ton and cost $1 25 per ton to mine. There was, he said, enough ore in sight to last 100 years at this rate. If the members would go to Alaska with him he would show them a canoe cut from a single log which would hold sixty people for a voyage. In the right season of the year he would take them on a voyage in a stream where the salmon would be so thick that they would stop the progress of the boat. It would be impossible to row through them.

The division of mining statistics of the Geological Survey publishes in advance an abstract of the official report on the production of manganese ores in the United States. The total yield of ores containing the equivalent of 70 per cent of the binoxide or 44.25 per cent of metallic manganese was in 1885 nearly 26,000 tons excluding about 4,000 tons of Montana argentiferous manganese ores. An estimate given in the abstract makes the production of ores containing over 44 25 percent of the metallic manganese amount to 23,258 tons, about three-quarters of which was from Virginia. It is interesting to note that the yield of manganese has rapidly increased from 5,761 to 23,258 tons within the past six years

R. A. Schellhaus, an Iowa man, has written to Representative Hall asking for an appropriation from congress of $2,500 to enable him to remove west and secure a home for himself and family. "If a Cherokee or Kiowa chief," he says, "may with his family be accepted as wards of this nation and public money appropriated to help him keep the wolf from the door, may I not ask for protection from the American flag and for aid in establishing my sons in the honorable pursuit of agriculture." Mr. Schellhaus promises if congress shall grant his petition to place himself under bond for the faithful execution of his avowed design of settling in the far west.

The news of the anarchist riots in Chicago cabled to Germany has made a great sensation among the socialists in that country and inspired them with new enthusiasm. Herr Liebkecht intends to visit America shortly to make a stumping tour of the country. Herr Bebel, the socialistic leader, had decided to accompany him, but was advised that the state of public opinion here would not permit the free expression of his "advanced ideas." All the leading German papers in commenting on the riot aver that the Chicago authorities have heretofore dealt too leniently with the rabid preachers of anarchy and communistic socialism.

An Ohio man never gets left. A resident of that state, aged seventy owed more than he could pay, but his creditors could not attach his homestead, that being exempt by statute. But his wife died and he ceased to be a man with a family dependent upon him. His creditors at once pounced upon his home and advertised it for sale. He took in the situation, hustled around and found a woman who was willing to share his fortunes, and married her five days before the sale was to take place. And the courts say he is a man with a family again, and the homestead must be held for the last wife.

The range of the cyclone of the 12th and 13th inst, extended from Kansas to Virginia. Many towns in Missouri Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio suffered heavy loss in property. We have endeavored to chronicle the most disastrous, but in many of the little towns without telegraphic communication, lives have been lost, and a number of persons fatally injured to say nothing of the hundreds of happy homes scattered without a moment's warning. The charitably disposed will have many calls upon their bounty, and from those too, whose needs are urgent.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Michigan Crop Report, May 1, 1886.

The following is from the official report published by the Secretary of State:

For this report returns have been received from 920 correspondents, representing 794 townships. Six hundred and fifteen of these returns are from 418 townships in the southern four tiers of counties.

Compared with vitality and growth of average years, the condition of wheat in the southern counties is ninety per cent., and in the northern counties ninety-five per cent. These figures indicate an aggregate product of about 24,000,000 bushels. Of the area seeded to wheat, three per cent., will be plowed up because winter-killed or otherwise destroyed.

Reports have been received of the quantity of wheat marketed by farmers during the month of April at 279 elevators and mills. Of these 229 are in the southern four tiers of counties, which is forty-three per cent. of the whole number of elevators and mills in these counties. The total number of bushels reported marketed is 420,871, of which 101,973 bushels bushels were marketed in the first or southern tier of counties; 106,814 bushels in the second tier; 65,528 bushels in the third tier; 100,263 bushels in the fourth tier; and 43,303 bushels in the counties north of the southern four tiers. At forty-one elevators and mills, or twenty-two per cent. of the whole number from which reports have been received, there was no wheat marketed during the month.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported mrrketed is 12,665,455, or about forty-one per cent. of the crop of 1885. The number of bushels reported marketed in the same months of 1884 and 1:85 was 7,427,164, or thirty per cent. of the crop of 1884. For these months in 1884-5 reports were received from about thirty-eight per cent, and in 1885-6 from about forty-five per cent of the elevators and mills in the southern four tiers of counties.

Ten per cent of the area in clover has been winter-killed. Clover not winter-killed is 100 per cent compared with vitality and growth of average years. Of the condition, horses are ninety-eight, cattle ninety-six, sheep ninety-six and swine ninety-seven, 100 representing stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition.

Apples promise ninety-six per cent and peaches sixty-six per cent of an average crop.

The report for peaches is for living healthy trees. The aggregate yield will be small.

We've Had a Cyclone.

A cyclone formed a mile north of Lansing at the edge of Jones lake on the night of the 14th, and swept in a northeast direction, leveling fences and woods and tearing buildings into fragments. So far as heard from no one was killed or seriously injured. After forming a whirlwind seemed to stand still for a moment in the road and then moved off about as fast as one could walk, gradually increasing in size and color and velocity as it moved. It was blue-black and funnel shaped. It hugged the ground all the way and did not touch the clouds above. It cut a clean swath a quarter of a mile wide through all the woods and orchards that came in its way. The largest building destroyed was a barn of Mr. Shuttler, on the Downer road, which was torn to minute fragments. His horses were in the basement of the barn and one was sucked up and left on the haymow, while the the other was buried under the ruins. The house and buildings of a family named Fairbanks were all blown to pieces. The whirlwind passed across the big Chandler marsh, four miles from Lansing, nearly in the middle, striking a Michigan Central freight train, unroofing cars and hurling Conductor Kane into the ditch.

The cyclone seems to have have widened out and spent its fury on the Chandler marsh. The only person injured was Josh Fairbanks who was struck on the head by a flying timber while descending into his cellar. Every one of his buildings was swept away. Mrs. Sloan and two sleeping children were alone in a small house standing on posts near the Briggs woods. She heard the roar of the whirlwind, and saw rails and trees flying through the air. She fell in a faint. When she revived the house was surrounded by trees and debris piled high, but the building had not been touched.

A heavy wind and rain storm struck Albion on the afternoon of the 14th, flooding the streets in ten minutes from the time it began. Five of the seven stores of W. H. Brockway's brick block were unroofed. The elegantly furnished A. O. U. W. hall, over two of the stores, is a complete wreck, and the furniture is in bad condition. The roof was torn up bodily and hurled into the river, several rods away. It was not exposed, but on the contrary, well protected. Circus bill boards and small wooden buildings near by were undisturbed. Damage estimated at $2,000 to $3,000.

Won't Yield.

The strike in Detroit has settled down to a question of patient endurance. The strikers as a rule are firm, quiet, and bound to hang together to the end. A number of men have gone back to work, but not enough to make a perceptible thining out in the ranks of the strikers. A mass meeting was held the other night at which about 2,000 men bound themselves by oath to remain firm.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

A barn owned by John R. Long, a farmer in Byron township, Kent county, burned and the contents, farming implements and machinery, owned by his wife and son, were destroyed. The loss on the barn is $1,000, and on the contents $900. The wife recently secured a divorce and the son has caused the arrest of his father, charging him with arson. The sheriff is investigating.

Luther Hale of Brockway Centre has been sentenced to sixty days in the Detroit house of correction for disposing of property on which he had given a chattel mortgage. He is the proprietor of the Commercial hotel, and was formerly well off.

Nearly every lot in the thriving village of Ashley have been sold and the proprietors will soon plat an addition to the same. The village has upwards of 300 inhabitants, and will ask to be incorporated at the next meeting of the board of supervisors.

The Saginaw Courier publishes a sketch of John C. Brown, the largest logging operator in the world. During the past season he put in 67,000,000 feet of logs, employing 500 men and 190 horses. He is at present putting in 80,000,000 in Clare county which will be completed in about two months, making the total of his operations since last September 75,000,000 feet.

In the circuit court in East Saginaw Edward Hickey, a notorious crook and desperado, formerly of Detroit, was sentenced to state prison for 12 years. The judge pronounced the sentence at 6:05 p. m., and at 6:17 the sheriff had the prisoner on the train bound for Jackson.

Henry F. Severens of Kalamazoo has been nominated United States judge for the western district of Michigan. The nomination gives universal satisfaction, and will be confirmed without delay.

Ray O. O. Keeler, a Normal school student, was drowned above the Peninsula paper mills in Ypsilanti the other day. He had been rowing and was probably overheated before going in the water. Keeler's home was near Grass Lake. He was aged 19.

Quartermaster General Hart expects an attendance of 2,500 militia men at the encampment to be held at Island Lake beginning July 15. The camp will be laid out next week.

Elliott H. Morehouse, a colored woman he claims as his wife, and Wellington Jones of Jones's Crossing, have been arrested in Kalamazoo charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars. Concealed in the pantry of the house a quantity of bar tin was found. They were taken before United States Commissioner Davis. On the arrival of District Attorney Stone, who had been telegraphed, he demanded an examination, when Jones was put under $2,500 bonds, the Morehouses each $1,200, in default of which they were remanded to jail to await further disposition of the case. Jones is thought to be a member of a gang of counterfeiters whose headquarters are said to be in Cass county and who has confederates like the Morehouses in the principal towns. They had victimized several Kalamazoo merchants.

Judge V. M. Smith of Rochester, N. Y., died at the Avery House, Mt. Clemens, the other night from an overdose of chloral.

During a storm the other night the house of Charles Larson, one mile south of Tustin, was struck by lightning. The bolt entered the roof and passed through the chamber floor into a bedroom occupied by Mrs. Larson, her infant child, and a daughter, a young lady sixteen years old. A silver watch hanging on the wall near the head of the bed was melted. The bolt shattered one post of the bedstead, then struck the young lady on the right breast, and tore the skin all off from the right side to her feet. She can hardly recover. The mother and babe both received slight injuries.

Mary Wright, widow of Noodia C. Wright of Walker township, Kent county, has begun suit contesting the will of her husband. She alleges that just before her husband's death in July last she consented to sign certain papers, the contents of which were unknown to her. She signed them because she had full confidence in her husband, and also because she feared ill effects if she opposed him while he was so ill. She now finds that she has signed away dower rights amounting, as is alleged, to $60,000, and her only return is an annuity of $300 a year, and that only temporary.

A rousing meeting of citizens was held in Bay City the other evening when the proposition of the Bay City, Caro & Port Huron railroad company was accepted amid great enthusiasm. A committee was appointed to secure right of way, depot grounds, and obtain a bonus of $75,000.

If a profusion of blossoms upon the apple trees are indication, there will be a great apple crop in Southern Michigan this year.

Chas. Adams, son of W. T. Adams, a prominent granger and farmer of Grand Rapids township and ex-deputy oil inspector, has been arrested for stealing six Andalusian chickens, valued at $100, from Henry Vaysmith's store. Three of the chickens were found at the express office consigued to California.

The American House in Wyandotte was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

S. A. Rumsey of Edwardsburg, has found in a mound on his farm a mass of bones from which he took 22 skulls. Each skull bore evidence of having been crushed from behind by a blunt instrument. The bones were 18 inches below the surface of the ground and inclosed by a stone wall six inches high.

Miss Tillie Tubbrook, aged 20, of Hoytville, Easton county, was buried recently. Later foul play was suspected and W. W. Tubbrook, father of the girl, requested a post mortem examination. This showed the an abortion had been committed. The matter is being investigated.

Manager Mulliken of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern and Chicago & West Michigan railroads, expects that the extension on the former road from Lake View to Howard City will be ready for business July 1.

An Ishpeming dispatch says that the Ropes gold mine has enough milling quartz in sight to last six months at the present rate of stamping. The mine is now 300 feet deep, with five levels. The Phillips, Coon and other mines are idle.

Gidion Brown, a burly Negro of Mason, who had had some trouble with his wife, went to the house where she was staying, and shot her after which he beat her head to a jelly. Brown escaped.

A party of roughs entered a saloon in Detroit the other night, in which a party of young men were sitting, and began abusing them. An attempt was made to force the disturbers out, and in the row which ensued Ludwig Gast was seriously injured. He lingered in great agony for several days when death came to his release. The fellows who caused the disturbance are in jail.

Henry M. Miller, a farmer residing about four miles from Newago, quarreled with his wife a few days ago, who, on account of his violent threats, left him and came to Newaygo. The more Miller thought about it the more enraged he became. Late in the night the farmers around saw a bright light burning at his place, and upon arriving there they found both house and barn in flames. Search was made for Miller, who was found twenty yards behind the house, and old army musket in one hand and a ramrod, with which he had touched the gun off, in the other. He had placed the muzzle under his chin and blew the front of his face and brains out. Deceased had been married 50 years and was about 70 years old.

Ezra Merrill, a resident of East Saginaw since 1851, is dead.

SEVENTY KILLED.

A Cyclone in Spain Works Widespread Ruin.

A terrible hurricane swept over the middle of Spain on the 13th inst. In Madrid 70 persons are known to have been killed instantly and 300 others have been seriously injured. The wind struck the city with the suddenness of lightning. Tram cars and cabs were overturned and broken into splinters, roofs were dislodged and telegraph wires everywhere torn from their poles. The parks in and about the city were devastated and in some cases entirely denuded. One church tower was blown down. A number of houses in the suburbs were entirely wrecked, and of the many cottages on the outskirts of the capital which were blown from their foundations and wrecked, some were so completely and quickly broken up and scattered by the wind that they may be said to have vanished before the storm. Telegraphic communication has been so completely cut off that it is impossible to obtain news from the provinces, but it is believed that the ruin wrought by the hurricane has been widespread.

Railroad Accident.

A freight wreck in the mountains on the Pennsylvania railroad the other night demolished twenty-five cars, killed three men outright and obstructed the tracks so badly that it took twelve hours to clear them. The accident was the result of the heavy storm which swept along the Connemaugh Valley, uprooting trees and blowing down fences and outhouses. Near Connemaugh a number of empty freight cars were standing on a siding. The tornado picked them up and carried them over to the main track. A heavy westbound freight train of twenty-five cars, going at the rate of thirty miles an hour came along about midnight and crashed into the obstruction before the engineer had time to reverse his engine. The twenty-five cars were totally demolished and the wreck strewn along the track a distance of several hundred yards.

Be Getting Ready.

A private letter from Wm. H. Bissell, President Cleveland's former law partner, effectually sets at rest any doubts as to the latter's marriage with Miss Frankie Folsom. Mr. Bissell says the marriage, according to the programme, will occur in Buffalo, June 12. The latest advices from Europe are to the effect that Mrs. Folsom was suffering from a relapse of the Roman fever, but that if she is able to travel there will be no delay in the date of the wedding. On the other hand, if the wedding should be postpond on account of Mrs. Folsom's illness, it will occur within a week after their return to America.

The Crop Report.

The May crop report of the department of agriculture indicates an improvement during April of two points in wheat, with a general average of condition at 95. There is no marked change anywhere, but a slight advance is noted in the Ohio valley, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland. The May average last year was 70. The season has been favorable and the crop is more advanced than usual. The averages in the principal states are: New York, 90; Pennsylvania, 95; Ohio, 97; Michigan, 91; Indiana, 98; Missouri, 101; Kansas, 67. The condition of rye averages 96; of barley, 97.

A Whole Family Killed.

John Wymer, a young farmer living a mile and a half east of Iuwood, Ind., started from his home the other morning accompanied by his wife and two pretty little daughters, aged 3 and 4 years, and drove out to visit some friends. After spending the day they started back and reached Inwood station just as the express was due.

As his wagon was passing over the track it was struck by the engine and both horses were killed instantly, as was also Wymer and the eldest child.

His wife and other child escaped instant death, but survived him but a few hours The bodies of Wymer and the other child were mangled so as to make them almost unrecognizable, and they presented a sickening appearance. The girl's head was completely severed from the body and lay ten or fifteen feet away, while Wymer was simply a shapeless mass of flesh.

WORK OF THE WIND.

Immense Destruction of Property—Large Buildings Wrecked.

Many Persons Badly Injured.

A terrible cyclone struck Odell, Ill., on the 12th inst which demolished one brick block, wrecked three warehouses, unroofed the hotel, Masonic hall, and four stores buildings, also the upper story of the Agell block in which was the Odell bank and Oddfellows lodge was completely destroyed. Scarcely a store in town escaped injury. The loss will amount to $50,000. Houses, barns and sheds were twisted off their foundations and completely destroyed. Trees a foot in diameter were twisted up. The storm did not last over five minutes. Ten minutes before it the air seemed to get green. Two clouds seemed to advance, one from the southeast and one from the southwest, and met over the town, forming a monstrous whirlwind. The large livery barn of Hord Bros. was completely demolished. A large three story mill was blown off its foundation and wrecked. The two story brick hardware store of S.S. Cole is a total wreck; the hotel is injured badly; not a whole window remains in the building. A number of residences were badly wrecked. The streets are filled with timbers, board fences, tin roofs and prostrated trees. The new school building is partly unroofed. A one-story school building is completely destroyed. The Congregational church is twisted in bad shape. The Methodist church had one steeple blown off. Those fatally injured are: Lottie Zwiffle, 10 years old, was carried over 200 feet in the air and fell on the railroad track, smashing her skull; George and Charles Hoke, liverymen.

S. S. Cole, hardware merchant, and two children of John Miller are seriously hurt. The children had taken refuge in the brick building and were buried in the ruins. Telegraph wires were all blown down and communication with the outside world was completely cut off. The damage in the surrounding country is slight.

A cyclone struck Williamsport, Ind., on the evening of the 12th, destroying everything in its track. Several houses and barns in the north end of the town were carried away. It seemed to have formed about two miles northwest of the town and took a southwesterly direction, traveling about thirty miles an hour, striking the extreme north end of the place.

Reports come from Attica, about two miles east of Williamsport, that it struck that place about the center of the town and destroyed several of the business buildings, including a new mill, the Revere house, and the Chicago & Great Southern railway offices. The wagon bridge over the Wabash river was torn down. Several persons were on the bridge at the time and went down, and all are supposed to have been killed.

At the Revere house several are reported to have been killed. At Indianapolis two brick houses belonging to Henry Butt were torn down, and Mrs. Butt badly injured. Aside from her the people escaped injury.

A fearful storm passed over Winchester, Va., the same evening lasting fifteen minutes. Two clouds met and burst immediately over the city. The wind attained a great velocity. Hailstones the size of walnuts fell to the depth of from two inches to three feet and trees stripped. Every house with a western exposure had all window glass destroyed. Carriages were overturned on roads and occupants narrowly escaped with their lives. The storm extended only a mile on either side of this place. Three persons are reported killed.

A fearful thunder storm visited Dayton, Ohio, on the 12th, commencing at 8:20 p. m. and lasting nearly three hours. The electrical display was decidedly brilliant, and the rains fell very heavy, flooding many cellars in various parts of the city, particularly among the business houses on Main street between Third and Fourth. The loss will reach many thousand dollars. The storm was accompanied by a heavy fall of hail, which lasted about ten minutes The hail stones were large and solid, and did great damage to windows, to shrubbery, flowers and fruit.

Dispaches from points along the Connemaugh valley, in Pennsylvania, report several persons seriously injured by a tornado which passed over that section on the 12th. Mrs. James Brett, who had given birth to a child about three hours before and was in bed, was carried out over a fence into a field. She is not expected to live. Bertie Foust, a friend of Mrs. Brett, was carried some distance and had her face terribly lacerated. John Foust's house was blown down.

Sedalia, Osage City and Vichy Springs in Missouri, were each visited by destructive storms the same day of the terrible tornado which wrought so much ruin in Kansas City. At these points no lives were lost, but buildings of every description were bent and broken like pipe-stems. A number of persons were injured.

In Joliet, Ill., a deluge of rain, thunder and hail inundated the earth. The thunderbolts were deafening and the electric display unparalleled. A circus show was having a performance, and in the midst of the performance the storm struck the tent, turning the whole show upside down. Women screamed, animals raved. A general stampede, amid sheets of lightning, drenching rain and the resistless gale resulted. Three persons were seriously injured by the falling poles, and a number were hurt slightly.

Most in Limbo.

Herr Most, the acknowledged leader of Socialists in the United States, was arrested the other night in a disreputable house in Allen street, New York by Inspector Byrnes and four detectives. The detectives seized the Anarchist a few hours after having located him, and when the Apostle of Anarchy was pulled by the heels from under the bed he presented a sorry spectacle. His bullet head and face were covered with dirt and his eyes were large with craven fear. He recovered, however, sufficiently to wave his arm aloft and shout a demand for liberty for the people.

Most is under indictment for holding an unlawful assemblage and calling upon his followers to burn, plunder, ravage. He disappeared about two weeks ago, but from his hiding place he sent forth reams of incendiary articles through the medium of the Freiheit, of which he is editor. The inspector locked Most in the police headquarters.

Ohio's Overflow.

Wholesale destruction by the recent storms in Ohio is reported from all directions. Buildings have been blown to pieces and farms are buried in water. Railroad traffic is seriously impeded. The damage in eight counties in Ohio is estimated at $10,000,000, and the loss of life is great. The tornado in Indiana and Illinois was very severe, and was a combination of all the furious metorological elements, and the most damaging of any that has ever visited those states.

The Programme.

The executive committee having in charge the legislative reunion to be held in Lansing June 10 and 11, have arranged the following program for the two days' celebration.

June 10—Forenoon—Music, band; prayer, the Rev. William H. Brockway; address of welcome, Gov. R. A. Alger; response, ex-Gov. Alpheus Felch, president of the association; music, vocal; report of the committee on constitution; music, band; dinner. Afternoon session—Music, band; religious services, the Rev. S. W. Ladu; music, vocal; general roll call of members; music, vocal; address, "Toledo and Mexican War from a Michigan Standpoint," Col. A. T. McReynolds; music, vocal address, "The Legislative Power in a Free Commonwealth," W. P. Wells; music, band; address, "Agriculture and Stock-breeding," B. G. Stout; music, band. Evening session—Music, band; music, vocal: reading and prayer, the Rev. W. W Johnson; address, "Personalities and Recollections of Legislation," D. L. Crossman; music, vocal: volunteer speeches, sentiment, "The Capitol City;" responses by O. M. Barnes.

June 11.—Morning session: Music band; religious exercises, the Rev. W. H. Hare; music; vocal; address "Michigan in the War," ex-Gov. Austin Blair; music, band; address, "Early Judicial History of the State," J. C. Fitzgerald; music, vocal: address, "State Sanitary Progress," Dr. James Hueston; music, band. Afternoon session—Music, band; religious services; music, vocal; address, "Michigan Schools and Colleges," Edwin Willits; music, vocal; address, "Mines and Mining," John Q. Adams; music, band.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Xenia, Ohio, Partially Destroyed—Many Lives Lost.

A terrible storm raged in Xenia, Ohio, from 9 until 12 o'clock on the night of the 12th. It is supposed to have been a waterspout. It struck the southeastern part of the town and followed the course of the Shawneeriver, which was swollen in a few moments so as to inundate all the banks and neighboring sreets, sweeping away or totally ruining more than 100 houses. Many were swept down the current with families in them. One of these, that of Aaron Ferguson, contained nine persons of his own family and three of John Burch's, who had fled there for safety. A man named Barbor risked his life by throwing himself into the current and floatingingainst the house, and with a rope in his hands succeeded in saving the inmates of the house by means of a boat. Twenty-five dead bodies were taken out of the stream and many more are supposed to be lost. The Pan Handle railroad, including its embankments, is a total wreck in the vicinity. The greatest excitement prevails. Many harrowing stories are narrated. A family named Morris was floated away in their house and drowned with the exception of one child about seven years old, who was found the next morning clinging to a tree. The condition of the town is sickening. Groans of the wounded fill the air and whole families have been killed. Over a mile of the Little Miami railroad is completely gone and no train can be run. The nearest approach is Dresden junction.

Xenia is the county seat of Green county and is equally distant—about 50 miles—from Cincinnati and Columbus, a little west of the line passing through the three places. It has a population of about 10,000. It was a well built, handsome little city, containing many fine public buildings and private residences. There were several extensive manufacturing establishments, including planing mills, glass works, oil mills, marble and granite works, etc. It is the seat of the Ohio soldiers' and sailors' orphans' home, which occupy 20 acres and include 50 buildings. A Methodist college and United Presbyterian theological seminary are also situated there. Wilberforce university, designed for the higher education of the colored youth of both sexes is just outside the city.

Springfield, Lebanon, Cincinnati and adjacent villages suffered heavy losses, the total of which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Dwelling houses are swept away, manufactories completely inundated and bridges carried away. No loss of life is reported at these places, but very many narrow escapes are recorded.

FROM THE CYCLONES.

Thirty-six Dead and Many Injured.

Wholesale Destruction of Life and Property

A fearful tornado swept over the western part of Mercer county, Ohio. Its course was from southwest to northeast, and its greatest fury was confined within a belt of a quarter of a mile. Hundreds of families are left homeless.

So far as ascertained, 30 persons have been found dead, while the number of injured has not been estimated. In some instances persons miraculously escaped with their lives, while every vestige of their homes was destroyed. A similar scene of destruction was never before witnessed in that vicinity. Every citizen in town is actively engaged in rendering assistance to the homeless sufferers.

Seventeen buildings were destroyed in Carey, Wyandotte county, by the same cyclone. Six persons have been found dead at South Carey. A large house containing several persons was completely destroyed. It is not known how many were hurt. Thousands of dollars damage was done to fruit and trees. Telegraph wires are down in almost every direction. A farmer from the eastern part of the county says the damage in that section is very great.

The cyclone crossed the track of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, two miles west of Forest, O. It blew down a tree, which scraped the side of the fast express east, injuring 10 or 12 passengers, one of them seriously, his leg having been broken and one eye put out.

Many buildings were lifted from their foundations and completely wrecked. Many were unroofed and the screams of the occupants could be heard above the roar of the elements. It is not known yet how many were fatally injured but four were discovered dead. They are being cared for at the homes of friends.

The town of Dunkirk was struck by the Hardin county, O., storm, and four persons were killed, and between 15 and 20 injured. The names of the dead are Rufus Lease, Wm. McFree, and his two children. The people are searching for other dead bodies. Several buildings were blown down and many others unroofed. Dunkirk is a town in Hardin county, O., about 30 miles east of Lima. It is on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad. It has a population of 1,300.

There was a terrible cyclone two miles north of Portland, Ind. It swept houses, barns and fences before. Dozens of families are homeless. Two women and a child and Mrs. Epley and child are killed. Many more are fatally injured. The loss will amount to many thousand dollars. The track of the tornado is 40 rods wide.

Madness in Milk.

A dog belonging to Mr. A. J. Hull, a farmer living near Cabott, near Little Rock, Ark., went mad, and among animals which it wounded in its wanderings about the farm was a milch cow. The cow showed no signs of being affected by the wound and it was thought that hydrophobia would not result. In a few days, however, the animal began showing the symptoms of the dreaded disease, and at the same time the farmer's two little children, who and been nourished with the cow's milk, exhibiting similar symptoms and died in the most terrible agonies. The other members of the family were ill, but finally recovered.

An Insane Official.

Francis T. Hord, attorney-general of Indiana, has been declared insane and has been taken to the insane asylum. His mania is that of ungrounded jealousy of his wife, an estimable lady of 54 years of age, and he has assaulted and threatened to kill a reputable citizen who is the victim of his jealous rage.

Drowned Soldiers.

Three soldiers—Privates Swanwick, Seventeenth infantry; Zinkard, Fifth infantry, and Morton, First cavalry—all of Fort Custer, Montana, were drowned in the Yellowstone river on the 10th inst. They were crossing in a skiff, and when in midstream the strong current carried the frail craft among the rapids, where it was swamped.

The confession of Wm. Ringgold at St. Louis, Mo., to having murdered J. A. McLain, at Coopersville, near Grand Rapids, in September, 1884, has created a great deal of comment among those who are most familiar with the horrible details, and it is hoped the criminal may yet be brought to justice. The confession is a very remarkable one, to say the least.

Eight years ago the residence of Mr. John Phillips, at Hudson, capitalist, was entered by burglars, who carried off $40 in money and a $100 gold watch. The watch was plowed up in a field adjoining the village a few days ago, near a former resort of thieves in the woods. The watch is little damaged.

The Indian agent at Mackinaw has a salary of $100 per year.

Bishop Gillespie of the state board of corrections and charities, tells a Kalamazoo reporter that the board are anxious to have an institution for idiots and feeble-minded persons established somewhere in the state.

James Herron's saw-mill boiler exploded at Sarahsville, Ill., killing Lafayette Tuttle, Ed Hill, and Louis Bates, and fatally wounding James Herron and Nathan Butler.

The trial of Father Galeote, the priest who assassinated Monsignor Isquierdo, Bishop of Madrid, on Palm Sunday, in front of the Cathedral, has been set down for the end of May. The prosecutor will ask, besides the death penalty against the prisoner, that the sum of $10,000 be granted as an indemnity to the family of the Bishop.

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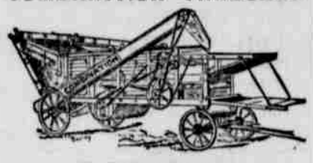

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