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WHOLE NO. 1543.

STORM CAUSES HAVOC

SWEEPS THE BUTTERFIELD ROAD.

BELMONT DAMAGES \$6,000

125 Feet of the West End of Lounge Factory Building, Four Story Brick, Blown Down.

The aerial disturbance, which wrecked Omaha visited the northern part of Chicago last Sunday night, also did much damage near to the village on the Butterfield road north of town.

Compared with the twister which ploughed its way through the Nebraska city or the disastrous floods which in the past few days have desolated Ohio and Indiana the damage was slight in this vicinity.

In part the damage was: Barn owned by William Branden Muehl, on the Thrasher farm, twisted from its foundations and partly destroyed, killing fourteen cows.

P. H. Peters' barn on Ireland farm, blown down. One cow killed.

Roos Brothers' barn, blown down and shed levelled.

Knobb, barn blow down; two cows killed.

Henry Bogers, hay barn and all windmills blown down.

Stebbins' farm, mill razed and trees uprooted.

Henry Shamacher, mill blown down and tool shed overturned.

Ross barn razed, killing several cows.

Pete McGarry, barn down and thirty pine trees snapped off.

The Thrasher school house moved twenty feet off foundation.

J. B. Berryman place, machine shed levelled.

Frank Stebbins, Strickland farm, wind mill and two barns blown down.

The village itself escaped serious injury, as it was outside the path of the heavy gale.

Jim Downer, Charles Venard and several others lost their wind mills.

At the Wellworth Farm Greenhouses the wind threw a shed which had been erected as a wind break on to the greenhouses, wrecking several of them and doing about \$6,000 damage.

Naperville and Vicinity.

Reports of losses in this vicinity are numerous, especially from the country. Barns, windmills, houses and other buildings were wrecked or damaged. The most severe loss in this vicinity came to Dan Schwartz, whose barn was totally wrecked, killing six head of cattle.

The large tool shed and other smaller buildings on Maple Knoll farm were blown over.

Wh. Ehrhardt was hard hit. The cement silo on the former Leersly place was toppled over. All buildings but the house on the former Nadelhoffer farm were wrecked and the end of the barn on the home place was blown out.

Nearly every farmer reports a loss

of greater or less extent.

In Naperville the largest damage was done at the Lounge Factory, 125 feet of the west end of the four-story brick building was blown down. This was the upholstering department and in it was much cover stock and finished pieces. Work on clearing away the debris was started early Monday morning. P. E. Kroehler, who was in Binghamton, N. Y., did not learn of his loss promptly on account of the impossibility of getting messages through. Tornado insurance is carried on the building.

The roof of the Tom's feed store was peeled off. The sign board on Washington street toppled over into the road. The city building north of the Y. M. C. A. lost part of its roof. The large window in the west side of the First Evangelical church was forced in; in fact, the storm spread wreckage almost everywhere.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING TOWNSHIP OR DISTRICT

While the board of education of this school district is getting ready to present its solution of the school problem to the citizens, it would be well for the residents of the village to think over the matter themselves, for final action rests with them and with them alone.

In that connection a proposal which is being made in the village of Hinsdale may be of value in determining what should be done here. In that village a committee appointed by the village league has come to the conclusion that a district high school instead of a township high school is the proper method of solving the school question. After mature deliberation and a generous throwing of bouquets at the Hinsdale board of education for "its excellent work" the committee declares that the town is financially unable to support the right kind of a high school in connection with the grade schools. The committee further points out that a township high school is impossible because Downers Grove will not consent to have it in Hinsdale, nor will Hinsdale consent that the school shall be in Downers Grove and Clarendon Hills, the midway point, has been rejected as a site.

The committee whose report is interesting reading suggests that the Hinsdale district join with adjacent districts in establishing a high school district and meanwhile, in place of erecting a high school building, use the present building and put up additional grade schools to accommodate the outlying population.

One paragraph of the report of the Village League committee, which is of the greatest interest, reads:

"The committee wishes to assure the Village League and citizens of Hinsdale that the statement made by someone whom we do not know, that the establishing of such a school as we have suggested would double the school tax upon the property of Hinsdale and vicinity is erroneous and without foundation in fact. The committee is prepared when the time comes to make a statement upon this point."

It is possible that the idea which to the members of the Hinsdale committee seems applicable to that suburb may be equally advantageous in the western side of the township in the village of Downers Grove.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

UNDER DISCUSSION IN OUR VILLAGE.

MASS MEETING MONDAY.

Village Hall, Library and Gymnasium Beneath One Roof the Plan. Meeting at the Methodist Church.

A municipal building—a real municipal building—with a village hall, library, auditorium and gymnasium, is under discussion for the village of Downers Grove. More than that, from the present indications it is more than possible that the discussion will result in the erection of such a sorely needed improvement.

"There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," as those who in years past have attempted to push various projects for the betterment of the village well know, but this time the forces of those who want a village hall; those who want a library; those who want an auditorium, and those who want a gymnasium seem to be more or less united and pulling together.

The discussion was started last Saturday night when members of the library board met the central committee of the brotherhoods, and the aims of both organizations were explained. The need of the youth of the village for a meeting place where athletics would be a central feature was expressed and the desire of the brotherhoods to establish such a place where good influences could be thrown about the boys and they be aided mentally, morally and physically was made clear. A plan to erect by popular subscription a gymnasium building along the lines of the Y. M. C. A. was outlined and rejected, the difficulty of obtaining enough money being apparent. The plan advocated by other speakers was a municipal building containing all the desirable features suggested.

It was decided that it would be well to test out the plan by circulating lists among the voters seeking signatures of those in favor of erecting such a municipal building by means of a bond issue.

The legal aspect of the situation limits the amount of bonds which could be issued, but by vesting the title of the building in the library board the requisite funds could be secured and with such ownership, rentals could be charged for the use of the auditorium and the gymnasium rooms and the lighting and heating could be taken care of by the village with its present means.

It was agreed that should three hundred signers favor the project the plans would be laid out in detail and the village board be asked to pass an ordinance providing for the bonds and the issue be presented to a vote of the people. The present tentative plans suggest the erection of a building to cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

All those interested in the project feel that the utmost publicity should be given the proposition, and that it should be carefully considered by every voter before the final acceptance or rejection of this chance to get a municipal building. The lists are now being circulated and a mass meeting for the further discussion was set for Monday evening, April 7, in the Methodist church hall.

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If the woodwork in your house is the inexpensive soft wood such as pine, cypress, gum, fir, etc., it may be made as beautiful and artistic as expensive hard woods by letting Lew F. Edwards refinish it in any of the up-to-date finishes.

CHICAGO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE NOTES.

Mr. Schurid, the genial trouble man at the local office for the last few months, has severed his connection with the telephone company. He left Monday for Dundee, his home, where he will stay for a month and then move with his family to Minnesota, where he will go farming.

Miss Nelson has accepted a position as operator at the local exchange, where you will hear her cheery voice along with the other cheerful voices.

Roy Berdstrom, of La Grange, has taken Schurid's place as the trouble man here. The trouble is here waiting for him. If he came looking for trouble, he'll get it.

PHILATHEA.

Over forty friends and members of the M. E. Philathea class enjoyed the St. Patrick's party given by them on Monday evening, March 17, at the home of Mrs. Philip Jory. The house was prettily decorated in green and each guest was presented with an appropriate souvenir—a shamrock and pipe. The program, BRAME

which consisted of a piano duet by Marion Lower and Harriet Jones; a piano solo, by Julia Perkins; a vocal duet by Mildred Potter and Julia Perkins, and two readings by Mrs. Hilles, a member of the class, was thoroughly enjoyed.

A number of lively games filled the time until the guests were invited to the dining room and were there served with very dainty refreshments.

The whole evening was a grand success and the treasury was filled to the extent of nearly five dollars after all bills had been paid. Mrs. Clappitt and her committee live up to the old motto in every sense of the word "We do things." The regular April meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Lower, instead of April 6 on account of the special meetings to be held at the church.

LOCAL NEWS

Let Lew F. Edwards make your old soft wood floors look like hard wood floors.

Dorothy and Miriam Clover of La Grange visited with the Misses Cook on North Main street last Friday.

Tornado insurance is cheap. Let W. H. Blodgett write some for you.

Mrs. Robert N. Clover of La Grange spent Wednesday in the Grove.

Mrs. J. Klein and sister made a flying visit to Loravager, Ia., last week and were guests of Miss Ella Klein, Miss Elliot and Mrs. Lewis at the "Triangle."

Get your feathers cleaned, dyed and curled by Fred Edwards.

Mrs. LaCharty and daughter, Madeline, spent Easter Sunday with Chicago friends.

Mrs. Ada Lynch is in Wisconsin on a short visit.

Kent Wiley is in Mexico on a business trip.

Did you escape the windstorm of a week ago? If so, you may be the next one. Are you protected? If not let Shurtle & Jones quote rates that will cover every contingency. Phone 30.

Mrs. A. E. Olsen returned from Iowa the last of the week.

Miss Ruth Ballard has been quite sick, but is better.

Guy Simonson came up from Champaign for the Easter vacation.

Mr. Rundel and family spent Sunday in Galesburg, Ill.

Jay Allison spent his Easter vacation at the home of his parents and has returned to Champaign.

Do not be without tornado insurance. The cost is trifling. Better be protected. See W. H. Blodgett.

Harriet Prince came home from Madison to spend Easter.

Mrs. James Burns entertained a number of former pupils at a luncheon on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell are the parents of a new little son.

A. Sacksteder is in Ohio on a business trip.

The little bay mare lost by Charlie Baker last September has been recovered.

Harry McDonald was arrested in Chicago on Monday and Charlie was notified and identified him as the man that hired his rig. McDonald admitted stealing the rig and selling it to a horse jockey on Thirty-ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heintz will occupy the Kirchgasser house on Middaugh avenue.

Get your feathers dyed and curled in the latest shades and styles by Fred Edwards, 102 Forest Ave.

Miss Olsen wishes to announce that the raffle of the piano of the late Mrs. Auld will be held April 13. Particulars next week.

Mrs. O. Noble of Chicago was the guest of Mrs. King Bush on Tuesday.

Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Leo Stanley and Miss Hope Norton were guests in Downers on Friday last.

Mrs. Leban Stanley and Mrs. J. P. Blodgett are both gaining strength after severe colds.

Ask Shurtle & Jones about the cost of protection against such storms as occurred Sunday evening. The low cost will surprise you. Either cash or in installments.

The Maples house on Washington street has been rented, also the Mentz house on Washington, which have been vacant through the winter.

John Gillespie of Fairmont avenue is recovering from his life illness.

Dr. Barber

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MOTIOGRAPH NEWS!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1913

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"Kissing Kate" Biograph Comedy
"The House in the Woods" Drama
"It Made Him Mad" Vitagraph Comedy
"The Smoke from Lone Bill's Cabin"

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Kirchgasser-Lensing

Mrs. Kirchgasser was married to Mr. A. W. Lensing of Oak Park on Monday and has moved to her new home.

The Kirchgasser family has been prominently identified with St. Paul's German Evangelical church of Grove street, and will be missed very much by the congregation, both Alfred and Miss Della being members of the choir and popular with the young folks of the village.

Mrs. Lensing will be at home to her friends at 6633 West Twelfth street, where her husband is in the hardware business.

Announcement.

Fred Gerwig, the east side grocer, wishes to inform the public that after the first of April he will open a first-class meat market in connection with his grocery. Mr. Gerwig assures his customers of his appreciation of their past patronage and will endeavor to give the same satisfaction in handling his line of meats.

NOTICE.

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The Fair Store

Canned Food Week—March 31 to April 6th

WE ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE NATIONAL Canned Foods week of Chicago, in an effort to familiarize consumers with the wholesomeness, excellence and economy of canned foods. We will have special sales Every day during this week. It will pay you if you are a lover of Pure Foods to try our special High Grade brands on sale. See our window display

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Flower Seed, a package - 3c

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