

names of the victims and accurate reports.

The storm struck Sherman without warning, on the southwest corner of the city, and cleared a path 100 yards wide along the west end of the town. Houses, trees, fences and everything went before the terrible force of the cyclone. The negro part of the town suffered the most severely. There are probably thirty negroes killed. Ten bodies have been picked up in Post oak creek. The flood of rain which attended the storm was severe. The town is a mass of mud and floating debris. There is much difficulty in finding the dead and injured.

DALLAS, Tex., May 15.—A special to the News from Sherman, Texas, says: Just a few minutes before 5 o'clock this afternoon a cyclone, not exceeding two blocks in width, but carrying wide-spread destruction and death in its wake, swept through the western half of the city, traveling almost directly north. Late tonight it is reported that forty people have been killed south of town in addition to the city's death list. Wagons are unloading the dead and injured every moment.

The News reporter, standing on the north side of the court plaza, had his attention called to the peculiar appearance of the clouds. They were parted at the lower side, converging into a perfect funnel shape, while a boiling, seething mass of vaporous clouds were rapidly revolving in the rift. The air was suddenly filled with trees and twigs, and the downpour of rain brought with it a deluge of mud. Then the truth dawned on all, that a cyclone was at hand.

From the point where it seems to have first descended to where it suddenly arose from the ground, just north of the city, it left terrific marks of its passage, but a house in its path escaping; not a tree or shrub left standing, nor not twisted and torn out of shape. Fences are gone. The iron bridge on Houston street is completely wrecked and blown away, notwithstanding its hundreds of thousands of pounds of steel and material. The number of persons wounded will reach not less than 100, and it will be several days before the exact number of fatalities can be given, as many persons, and especially children, are missing, and many of the injured are in such critical shape that a score may die before morning.

It is quite conservative to estimate that the list of fatalities will reach sixty while the injured will reach one hundred. At least fifty houses are wrecked. Most of them are small cottages, except in Fairview and Washington avenues, where the handsome residences of L. F. Ely, Captain J. D. Saller, Mrs. Pat Mattingly and James Falls also succumbed. The loss will reach least \$150,000, and but little if any of it was covered by cyclone insurance.

About the most graphic description given by any of the injured was that of W. B. Bostwick, who said:

"I was at Mr. John Irvine's house when I heard the noise of the approaching storm. Just as I looked out I saw Captain Berge's house blown into the air, and then Mr. Shearer's house. The air was filled with great trees and timbers and every conceivable

kind of article. I was fascinated, petrified, for I saw that it was coming directly upon us and that it could not be long in reaching us. It was a black, serpent-like cloud, twisting, writhing in the center, but at the bottom it seemed to be moving steadily. I woke up from my slumber and called to the family, who were in the house, and asked them not to run out. I feared that we would all be struck by flying timbers.

"Then came an awful crash, a sense of suffocation, and when it was over the house was gone and myself and family were scattered about the yard and under the debris. It was over in such a short time that I cannot give you an idea of how long it was."

In just a few minutes the police officers were appealed to for shelter for the dead and wounded, and ambulances and all kinds of conveyances were pressed into service. A vacant store-room on the north side of the court plaza, and another on the south side of the court-room were transferred into impromptu morgues and hospitals for the wounded down town, while every residence left standing in Fairview is filled with wounded. The victims are horribly mangled. John Ames and wife and two children are dead and a five-year-old boy fatally wounded.

The most miraculous escape, so far as learned by the reporter, was the case of the family of Captain Ely. The residence, quite a roomy brick structure, was razed to the ground and but for the presence of some heavy timbers standing upright in the debris which sheltered them from the avalanche of brick and stone, they would have all perished, but as it is, only one member, a little girl, was bruised.

A public meeting raised \$3,000 for the immediate relief of the sufferers and the permanent relief committee, consisting of C. H. Smith, C. B. Randal, C. B. Dorchester and Colonel George H. Murphy will take donations. It is distinctly stated that donations from points outside of Grayson county will be received. Denison has responded nobly and nurses and physicians from that city are here rendering great assistance. All railroads running into the city placed special trains at the disposal of the local authorities.

JUSTIN, Texas, May 16.—At this place W. J. Evans was killed by the cyclone and seventeen wounded.

At Gribbel Springs, north of here, three persons were killed and several injured.

A baby, which was thought to have been killed by the storm, was found to have died just before and been blown away. Mr. Hurst and family are severely injured. It is expected that at least two of them will die. One child was found with a large wooden splinter stuck through its head, but was still living.

Ed. True, a farmer, by blowing from his wagon had three ribs broken. Gribbel Springs is almost demolished, but few houses remain standing.

DENTON, Texas, May 16.—The cyclone which cut out the heart of this county and Grayson county, just to the northeast, started within a mile of Justin, in this county. A terrific wind was experienced here. People were blown down, houses demolished

and farm buildings completely removed.

Reports from the country districts indicate five people killed, most of whom were traders in Denton, but whose names cannot be ascertained at this time. The roads are impassable and the small streams of the county are swollen beyond their banks. So far no one has been reported killed in this town, but the place is in darkness, half under water and searching parties are slow in reporting.

Reports from Justin, Sherman and Gribbel are to the effect that \$500,000 worth of property has been destroyed in the two counties.

### IT WAS COLD AND STORMY.

Utah Section Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau, May 12, Weekly Crop Bulletin.—The weather during the week ending Monday, May 11, 1896, was cold and stormy in all sections, with rain, snow, hail and sleet, which practically brought farm operations to a standstill. The copious rains did much good to dry farms, which are reported in fine condition, with indications of good crops. Fall and spring wheat, oats, rye and barley are everywhere reported looking fine and growing nicely since the rains. Corn and potato planting continues in the extreme northern counties, and some farmers are intending to put in small grain yet. The ranges and meadows showed considerable improvement during the week.

Levan.—It has been a cold disagreeable week, with but very little sunshine. In the line of precipitation we have had rain, sleet and snow, the snow melting as it fell in the valley, but it still lags in the mountains. Ice morning of 11th.

Scipio.—Cold, stormy weather; much wind with rain and snow four days. Fruit trees in bloom, but frost night of 10th damaged some; farmers pleased with the rainfall.

Harrisville.—The week has had brief spells of cessation from continuous rain with some wind and moderate temperature, making a boom for dry farming. Farm work being generally at a stand still; with all crops looking well.

Deweyville.—Stormy all week; rain or snow nearly every day; the ground is thoroughly soaked and grain and lucern is doing well on dry farms. Fruit trees are all out in bloom; corn and potatoes not all planted yet, and some farmers intend to put in small grain yet.

Lewistown.—Small grain all in; spring wheat is looking fine; some are planting potatoes between showers; some wheat is looking yellow on account of the wet.

Kanab.—First three days of month were fine and calm; everything backward.

New Harmony.—Cold and windy; very high wind on the 5th; slight rain on the 7th; snow on the 8th.

Meadow.—Cold high wind; some rains which has done much good; many peach trees dead; plums a failure; pears and apples look fairly well; wheat, oats and rye improved since the rain.

Vernon.—Cold, dry, unfavorable for growth of vegetation.

Poca.—Very little farm work has