

was one of the features at White Bear.

At an early hour this morning a special train bore a correspondent of the Associated Press from St. Paul to the scene of the terrible cyclone. No sign of the terrible havoc was visible until the hill overlooking the little valley was reached, where on the side of the hill was seen the house belonging to Mr. Harris, with the roof blown off and part of the south side blown away and out-buildings scattered in the most demoralized condition. No one was hurt at this point. A quarter of a mile north the whole scene of destruction lay spread before the eye along the shore. At a point where the storm turned and crossed the lake stood the houses of Schurmeier and Good and another house, in which each had an interest. All of these were utterly demolished.

All the trees in the neighborhood were torn, twisted, stripped of bark and limbs, and from the mangled trunks of many hung articles of clothing and bedding. In the lake are the bodies of four horses floating amid heaps of boards and house timbers. Here will probably be found the bodies of the missing, as they could not be found in the stacks of boards and furniture.

As illustrating the force of the wind, an iron pump and twenty-five feet of iron pipe was torn from the well in front of the Good residence, twisted and bent almost double, and deposited fifty yards from the well. On the edge of the water is a pile of boards covered with turf lifted from a swamp 200 feet away. Strewn all about are pieces of furniture, books and stoves; wells and cellars filled to the top with building debris, and in Schurmeier's cellar lie the mangled remains of a horse. The ground about these houses has the appearance from a distance of having been gone over with a plow.

At Lake Gervaise the dead and missing are: Peter Meisen, George Miller, Rev. Dr. Shaefer, of Brennan, Texas; Mrs. J. H. Schurmeier and Charles Schurmeier. The sights about Lake Gervaise are awful. The sites of the Good and Schurmeier cottages were marked only by their foundations, while the ground for an acre or more is strewn with debris of all kinds. Near the cellar of Schurmeier's house is a drive well, with twenty feet of cast-iron pipe which was literally torn from the ground, while on the shores of the lake, fully 100 feet away, is a piano which formerly stood in the parlor of the cottage. Huge trees, some of them three and a half feet in diameter, had been broken off close to the ground, and are scattered about in all directions. Chickens without feathers on them litter the ground, and articles of wearing apparel are to be seen sticking in trees and bushes half a mile away.

In the swamp near the lake shore are a number of splinters and boards sticking bolt upright, like a field of corn. All along the road from Gervaise to Vada the houses have been more or less damaged. Some have the shingles torn off the roofs, others the chimneys blown down

and others a whole section of the building carried away. Nearly all the houses and hotels in the vicinity have been turned into temporary hospitals. At Paul Melette's residence, Little Canada, are Melacon, his wife and three children, all of whom were seriously injured.

At Kohlmann's hotel are Minnie Meiss and Joseph Bernard. Miss Meiss is suffering intensely from a wound in her chest, made by an iron spike, which was driven almost through her body, and recovery is impossible. A camping party was on the southeast shore at Lake Gervaise. They ran from their tent and sought the shelter of an overhanging bank just in time to save their lives. The tent and all its contents were swept into the lake. The number of persons injured at all the different points is large, and the list is being made up slowly.

Mr. John Schurmeier has recovered sufficiently to be able to relate what he knows concerning the storm. They had noticed the storm brewing, and as it came upon them he had risen to close a window which the storm had blown open. The next thing he knew he was twirled about in the air at a rapid rate. On coming to his senses he found himself near the edge of the lake. Making his way up from the lake, he came across the remains of his son-in-law, T. J. Miller, and afterwards those of Pete, his coachman.

The storm struck a French settlement half a mile north of Little Canada, completely demolishing five houses and slightly injuring the occupants. At Frank Gutzke's place, on the southeast shore of Lake Gervaise, besides himself and family of four, there were about twenty visitors, who had sought shelter. The cyclone struck the house and lifted it bodily from its foundation, but, fortunately, not one inmate was injured.

The storm really commenced between Snail and Turtle lakes, passed over and struck the northern part of Little Canada, thence on to the Schurmeier and Good cottages, across Lake Gervaise, to Gutzke's place, thence in a northeasterly direction to Farmer William Brown's place where it lifted and disappeared. Its track was about forty-five miles long and from a quarter to half a mile in width.

The bodies of Mrs. Schurmeier and her son Charles and Rev. Mr. Phaepler have not been recovered up to a late hour tonight. It is almost certain that they are at the bottom of the lake, as a search of the debris failed to find any trace of them.

Late tonight it was ascertained that the number of seriously injured in the vicinity of Lake Gervaise is nine. Of these one will die, while three may recover. Besides these, about twenty others were painfully bruised and cut, but not seriously injured.

### THE AUGUST ELECTION.

THE Central Committee of the People's Party have issued a call for primaries and a convention in this county, which we publish to-

day and to which we invite general attention.

The annual election will be held in a little more than two weeks, and it is time that action was taken throughout the county. A good ticket must be prepared which will gain the support of the public and secure victory. Wise men are needed to make it up. At the primaries to be held Monday, July 21, such delegates should be chosen as will fully represent the party and have sense enough to make a proper choice of candidates.

Every ward will have due representation in the convention. Sufficient interest ought to be taken by all members of the party to secure their presence and engage their attention at the primaries. These meetings ought to be fully attended. Every man who desires to see good government maintained in this county should be present at the primaries. Willful absence will be a sign of apathy or disaffection.

The approaching election will be one of great importance to Salt Lake County, as a determined effort will be made to steal it, after the fashion in which recent elections in this city have been handled. If the voters will only do their duty this plot can be frustrated. Experience has shown how much fraud can be committed. It has also been demonstrated that there are limits by which it cannot pass. If the voters do not go to the polls, they aid in the schemes of the enemy and render powerless the efforts of friends to prevent the triumph of villainy.

We say to the People's Party, it will not be so easy to defraud the party in this county election as it was in the city election, and if they will come forward and do their duty as citizens the People will win the county election by a handsome majority.

Therefore let the primaries be fully attended by every live member of the party, let good men and true be selected for delegates to the convention, and then let a strong ticket be made up which the whole party can support at the polls, and let us go forward together to victory!

### A BAD PRECEDENT.

THE *Denver Republican* of the 3rd inst. has the following pertinent editorial paragraph:

"Congress has taken the bit in its teeth on the Mormon question, and it is probable that all kinds of restrictive measures will be enacted against the Mormon Church. It will be done under the plea of opposition to polygamy. But it will be the setting of a bad precedent from which the country may suffer at some time in the future. It is unwise to depart from fundamental principles, even though it may be for the purpose of striking at an evil which seems to be very great."