

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

The Village of Bradshaw Laid Waste By the Elements.

Particulars of the Destruction and Injuries.

YORK, Neb., June 4.—Times Special. About 10:30 last evening a courier arrived from Bradshaw who said that about two hours before a cyclone had struck his town, killing several people, injuring many and tearing down every house in town, and asking that every available doctor be sent out at once.

A train left on the B. & M. at 11:09 and the physicians, a DAILY TIMES reporter and many citizens as could be reached in the limited time, left on board of it, and many other citizens followed in carriages.

The train reached the ill-fated town at 11:40 and the physicians and their numerous helpers separated at once and went to the various parts of town to care for the wounded. Care had been taken to take along plenty of bandages, flat, bread, etc., and everything was in readiness for rapid and effective work.

When half a mile from the stricken town the passengers on the train could see evidence of the storm in dismantled fences and broken telegraph poles, telegraphic communication having been cut off.

The town itself probably presented the saddest picture any of our people had ever before looked on. The depot is a total wreck. A dozen cars that occupied the side track are piled in every conceivable position. The first sign of death met was the body of a horse lying at the corner of the depot and almost across the path that must be traversed in going up into what was once a town.

The town was all on the north of the depot, and once across the track and beyond the tangle of box cars that obstruct the view a desolate scene is presented.

The whole town is literally in ruins. The twenty-four business houses that extended on either side from north to south up and down the principal business street are inextricably mingled one with another. They are crushed down as though a roller of mighty weight had passed over them. They are split and shattered as though they had been struck by the hands of a strong man.

When the storm set in W. W. Koch was driving 21 fat cattle into a car for shipment. Three head got away and the wind blew the car containing the other 18 head clear into York, a distance of 9 miles.

Thirty-five persons were in the hotel during the blow. The roof was torn off, the sides partly caved in and the windows knocked out, but no one was injured.

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An Important Decision. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 6.—County Treasurer Houser received the decision of the state board of educational lands and funds in the case of Thomas Hanlon and Lewis Dunn against Mrs. Charles Schott and the Terheusen heir, wherein the defendants were in default of the final payment to the state for school land. The plaintiffs leased the land from the school board at the old appraisement of \$1 per acre, whereas the farm is now worth \$8,000 and has been occupied by the defendant twenty years.

The decision today sets aside the Dunn and Hanlon lease and gives the heirs six months to make the final payment, and further holds that personal notice must be given against the parties living on the school land before the lease and sale of contracts of the school lands can be declared forfeited.