

MONDAY'S STORM DOES DAMAGE

**Rain Will be of Great Benefit to
Pasture Land—Wind Swept
Territory Not Large.**

This section was visited by a storm Monday afternoon, which included all the elements of a hail, rain, wind and electrical storm combined in one, and for a time it was enough to make one feel rather fidgety.

The wind was nothing short of a hurricane. The rain continued for upwards of an hour and a tremendous lot of it fell in that time. Considerable hail fell too, but it was not large enough to do much damage. No loss by lightning has been heard. The wind swept scope was not very large. McHenry, it is said, had a lot of hail and rain, as did Mose, and the country north, east and south but those parts were not hit by the wind.

The loss in Binford and immediate vicinity will run up into hundreds of dollars. Andrew Overby, to the west of us, had six portable granaries completely wrecked. Albert Alfson, who owns the farm joining the village limits, is the heaviest loser. His granary was blown to smithereens, parts of it being scattered over the field for a half mile or more. The cook car, which was standing near the granary, was carried a distance of 100 feet and was turned upside down. The car itself was left intact, but the contents were more or less damaged. His barn, too, was badly twisted. Some of his machinery was broken. He estimates his loss at between four and five hundred dollars. The windows in the Greenland, Pritz & Co. hardware store were blown in. A number of small outbuildings were turned over, windmills damaged, windows broken and many other minor things were damaged. Very little, if any, damage was done to the grain, as most of it is in the shock.

Although the rain comes too late to help the grain and is only a hindrance to farming operations, it will be a great boon to the pastures which were almost ruined by the severe drouth. The tension as to the scarcity of butter on the local markets is believed to be materially relieved by the rainfall. It will, no doubt, result in making early fall plowing easier and much better.