

Lightning's Pranks.

The lightning was evidently in a very playful mood during the severe thunder storm early Wednesday morning. Nearly everyone in town was awakened between the hours of four and five o'clock by a heavy crash of thunder, and it was found later that the warehouse belonging to L. A. Jacobson, and known as the Spear building had been struck by lightning the bolt first striking the chimney and then running down the southeast corner of the building, splintering the siding up considerably, but otherwise doing no damage. The same bolt, probably, struck the cupola of the M. E. Church, shattering the shingles on top and running down one of the posts supporting it, charred it from top to bottom. It jumped from there to the chimney and ran down it, tearing out the bricks, and running down the stove pipe, followed it clear from the east to the west side of the room and ran down the stove and under it, and tearing a small hole through the zinc and floor, ran along one of the joists, came up again through the floor in another part of the room. Strange as it may seem it did not set anything a fire, though going through the carpet twice and through the straw under the carpet. It knocked one of the caps from the chimney, throwing it clear up by the pulpit; and scattered soot and dust over everything in the church. Lightning does play some curious pranks, and it don't respect meeting houses any more than other buildings.