

A TERRIFIC GALE.

The Most Severe Wind Storm
Known in Years Visits
This Section

Last Tuesday Night, Doing Con-
siderable Damage to
Property.

Frightened Inhabitants Huddled
in Terror in Their Wind
Rocked Homes.

The Arcade Building Partially
Unroofed--The Old Elec-
tric Light Pole

Blown From The Hope House--
Buildings Unroofed and
Chimneys Blow

Down--Freight Cars Blown From
Railroad Track--Wind
Accompanied

With Considerable Snow---A
List of the Casualties
Here - About.

The worst gale ever experienced visited this section about ten o'clock on Tuesday night last. At about four o'clock in the afternoon a gentle rain set in, what little wind there was coming from the south, and it was the opinion of almost every one that it had set in for an old fashioned spring rain, good for all night, at least. At about half after nine at night the wind whipped to the northwest, and commenced blowing a little harder, but the rain still continued, when all at once there came a gust of wind which fairly shook all the buildings in town. The gale continued, and was soon accompanied with snow, making it impossible for one to see across the street, although the moon gave considerable light. The storm increased in fury, making it impossible for pedestrians to keep their feet, and causing them to make for the nearest shelter. The storm did considerable damage to property, tearing off roofs of buildings and leveling chimneys with the roofs of the buildings on a number of houses. About ten feet of the north end of the roof of the Arcade building was blown off. The roof consists of steel sheeting in strips of about two feet in width and five or six feet in length. These strips of steel were torn off and hurled by the wind as if they were feathers, some of them being found the next morning a distance of four or five blocks south of the building. The old electric light pole on the Hope House which has braved the storms of years, and which was used in latter days as a flag pole was blown down with an awful crash, which frightened the inmates of the house considerably. The pole was let down through the roof about four feet and securely fastened in the garret, and the force of the wind must have been terrific to be enabled to tear it out. When it fell it brought with it a portion of the sheeting and shingles of the roof and these boards and shingles made very aggressive missiles flying through the air. One of them struck one of windows of the PIONEER office, breaking out a pane of glass and the howling wind blew snow into the composing room completely filling up the cases of type with snow, scattering copy all over the room, and leaving about two inches of snow over the floor of the room. The chimney, or a part of it, on the office was blown off and came crashing through the landing at the top of the outside stairway. The roof of L. A. Freeland's buggy shed was lifted off in two sections which were hurled to the ground several yards away. The shed which T. S. Preissler had in course of erection over his engine and feed mill was blown over against the engine, where it yet stands at an angle of about forty degrees. The chimney on the residence of C. W. Dawdy was blown off as was also a part of the one on the billiard room of John Tomlinson, and the shingles were blown off slick and smooth from about four or five feet of the roof of the little house west of the Nelson hotel, occupied by J. H. Mihin, and numerous other small damages are reported. Those who have been in this country a number of years say it was the worst wind they ever saw. The storm must have been quite general, as the daily papers are full of reports of different sections, giving account of it. The people of Hope never will wish to see another storm like it.