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WINDS DO GREAT DAMAGE

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Wind Mills Blown Over.

In the sweep through the north part of the county, wind mills on the Ben Pillars and Charles Bohnke farms were blown over.

Barns Unroofed.

The Ed Luttmann farm north of the city, did not escape. Two large sections of the galvanized roof of the barn were blown off and other havoc created. The Luttmans are engaged in the dairy business and so much havoc was created that the wagon was delayed about two hours in starting. Two chimneys on the Luttmann house were also blown off.

Box Cars Unroofed.

Box cars standing on the sidings were unroofed. A roof of a car on the Clover Leaf siding was lifted off bodily this morning and deposited in the Burk elevator yard. The roof of another car on the Erie was blown off.

Some Funny Things Also.

As W. R. Smith, the restauranteur man, came down town this morning, he saw a large empty store box rolling down the middle of the street, forced along by the brisk wind. In another case the tub of a woman in the south part of the city was caught up off the porch and sent down the street. When last seen the woman was pursuing it down past the South Ward school house.

Telephone System Impaired.

The telephone companies are also having their troubles, both local and long distance. All communication with Van Wert, Berne, Monroe and Ft. Wayne was cut off. The Bluffton, Geneva, Wren and Preble lines were the only ones of the long distance phones in order. Many of the farm lines, as well as telephones in this city were out of commission. No broken poles were reported, the trouble lying chiefly with the broken wires.

Gus Yake's Arm Broken.

Gus Yake, a prominent farmer north of the city, was preparing to drive to the funeral of his father, Herman Yake, in Kirkland township, this morning, when some flying debris blew against him, breaking his arm. Telephones were so out of order that a long trip was necessary to reach the nearest telephone in commission to summon a doctor from this city.

Horse Runs Away.

From the vicinity of the Washington church, south of the city, come tales of much destruction. Outbuildings on the Charles Poling farm, were leveled to the ground; fences were torn down, and the rails picked up and carried like straws through the air. Several students in the high school were delayed in making the trip here. Miss Clara Hoffman, a high school student, who drives here every morning, had an exciting experience. Her horse frightened and ran a distance and she succeeded in stopping it. South of the city it frightened at some bill boards which were blown down and littered the road and Miss Hoffman got out to lead the horse past. As she took hold of the horse it reared and broke loose and started for town. Fortunately Miss Hoffman was not in the rig and escaped unharmed. The horse continued its run to the city where it arrived with lines dragging

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Porch Carried Away.

The home of George Davis on the Studebaker farm east of the city, was in the wake of the storm which spent its fury on a porch at the north end of the house. The porch, which had once been boarded up, was torn off and carried out of the yard and across the road. Doors were also torn off the corn crib and carried away.

Marshal Has Scare.

Marshal Peterson was badly frightened when he heard that two houses belonging to Sam Hite had blown over, and expected in the flurry to have almost more than he could manage. He was much relieved to learn later that the two houses were only two little outbuildings, which with others in the vicinity, were blown down.

S. D. High's Narrow Escape.

S. D. High of the west part of the city, suffered a \$200 loss and had a narrow escape from injury and death. He was in his large chicken house, feeding the flocks, and was trying to chase them out of the door against the wind which they resisted. Suddenly the chicken coop was lifted up and was dashed into the nearby thirty-foot wagon shed, shattering both buildings into fragments, as well as the two new wagons and the buggy in the shed. Mr. High ducked in time to get out under the sill as the house was taken away and ran behind the barn for safety. The chickens also escaped just in the nick of time. The buggy was broken to splinters and the two wagon damaged, by the tons of falling timbers.

Miscellaneous Damages.

The galvanized roof on the Koemann house on North Second street, formerly the Bohnke property, was blown off. The wind mill on the D. D. Clark farm was laid low. A shed at the Russell home in the west part of the city was blown away, as was the roof of a summer kitchen in that district. A wagon shed at the John Myers farm west of the city was leveled to the ground. Will Richards' chicken coop was lifted up in the air suddenly and fell in a shower among the frightened chickens, whose cries rent the air. Orchards on the Charles Poling farm were uprooted; buildings on the John Stoutenbury farm overturned.

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