

APRIL 14, 1909

STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Wind and Rain do Damage on Several Farms in This Vicinity.

Vermontville experienced a near-gale on Wednesday which played havoc with wires and signs. The velocity and strength of the wind was enough to take a light-weight person off their feet at time, and even 200-pounders were shifted around rather suddenly, and to see some person frantically chasing down the street in an effort to regain a lost "sky-piece" was not an unusual sight. However, no serious damage was done here, but that the storm was widespread and disastrous to some places was evidenced by the reports from outside sources where wires were down and communication entirely cut off.

On the farm of Reynold Zemke, northeast of town, the wind came in contact with a windmill and took the wheel completely off of that pumping apparatus, while on the farms of J. N. Hawkins and Ernest Sprague fences were blown down, trees tumbled over and other damage of a more or less minor nature reported.

CONGREGATIONAL EASTER SERVICES

Impressive Ceremonies Performed on Sunday Morning

A very interesting and impressive service was held in the Congregational church Sunday morning, April 11,

when twenty-three were admitted to membership upon Confession of Faith and three were admitted by letter. The rites of baptism were administered to eighteen and there are others who have expressed their desire to unite with the church in the near future.

This unusual movement of so many at this time in placing themselves publicly on the side of things that "make for righteousness," is mainly due to the plain and intelligent presentation of the claims of Christianity by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Parsons, and to his genial and manly deportment in his intercourse with all classes in the community. In his ministrations from the pulpit he has made no attempt to work upon the emotions of his hearers. His methods have been purely educational attempts to awaken in those who listen to him a sense of their obligation to God, to themselves and to society to develop from within themselves the highest possibilities of which they are capable.

As usual the choir did its full share in adding to the enjoyment of the occasion for all lovers of good music.

In the evening an Easter service by the Sunday school under the direction of Superintendent R. L. Hammond made a very enjoyable and fitting close to the days exercises.

The violin solo in the evening by Miss Nina Wilde called forth many expressions of appreciation.

A Pleasant Evening.

Reposing comfortably in a beautiful Morris chair presented to him in honor of the occasion, and with that smile that wouldn't come off much in evidence on his countenance, Dr. H. W. Davis was the guest of honor at a jolly little banquet tendered him by about thirty of his friends at the council rooms on Tuesday evening following the announcement of his intention to forsake the life of single blessedness and join the ranks of the benedicts. The doctor would not divulge the exact date of the ceremony, but it is understood that the nuptials will be performed this week, and in anticipation of the event a merry crowd assembled and gave him a fitting send-off. Cigars and social intercourse were first in order, and realizing the importance of the occasion the town hall stove joined in the festivities and smoked also. A dainty luncheon was served during the evening and the party broke up about midnight after wishing "Doc" many happy days.

Dr. H. W. Davis left this morning for Douglas.

H. J. Martin is in Chicago attending Grand Opera.

Louis Lentz spent Sunday at home from Charlotte.

Mrs. Emma Bussel visited in Nashville on Saturday.

Louie Lamb spent Easter with friends in Lansing.

Mrs. J. O. Bunker is confined to the house through illness.

Mrs. H. Barker of Nashville was in town one day last week.

Mr. Fulton of Charlotte is the guest of E. G. Bowman to-day.

E. L. Truax of Middleville was in town on business Saturday.

Wm. Surine and family spent Easter with their son Chas. Surine.

Sheriff Donovan was in town Thursday working on the Hultz case.

Fred Briggs and Hazel Baker were guests at Fred Baker's Sunday.

Mark Mahar of Jackson spent Saturday at home with his parents.

Fred White of Nashville, spent Easter with Mrs. S. A. Goodenough.

Adam Connett and family spent Easter with his father John Connett.

Miss Helen Loveland is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dwight of Charlotte were visitors in town Tuesday.

Drs. F. A. and L. F. Weaver of Charlotte were in town on Friday last.

Frank Remalie and family of Portland are visiting friends and relatives here.

Dana Hammond came home from the M. A. C. to spend Easter with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spoke spent Sunday evening with Fred Baker and wife.

Mrs. E. L. Jones entertained her nephew, E. L. Cherry of Owosso last week.

Miss Bessie Judson of Jackson is spending the week with Mrs. T. D. Eddy.

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