

BY A SWEEPING MAJORITY.

Green, Worlock and Co. Creditors Express Their Wishes Unmistakably.

A Large Majority Pronounce in Favor of Mr. Beaven's Appointment.

Early course. Houses, barns, fences, trees and obstructions in the course of the storm were carried away and nothing was left to mark where they stood except holes in the ground. The greatest damage was done about a mile from the coast. The hurricane rose and passed on past. The building in which Daniel Barrett, his wife and the two granddaughters were killed was literally demolished and not even a portion of the foundation was left standing. George Oxinger, a field ploughing, saw the storm coming and getting the horses in and started for the house, which was about ten rods from the barn and exactly in the line with the storm. Witnesses say that the man was lifted from the ground and whirled into the air at least a hundred feet, together with timbers, fences, trees and other debris scooped up in the roll. Oxinger's lifeless body was found about one hundred rods from where he was lifted from the ground. His bones protruded from the flesh and his body indicates that he came in contact with many of the flying trees and beams. James White, another farm hand in the employ of Mr. Barrett, had a most miraculous escape. He was in a field with a team in company with Oxinger and when the storm came on he also started for the barn. To the fact that his team became unmanageable and broke away from him he probably owes his life. When the team broke away from him he started diagonally across for the house, but he had just reached a rail fence when the storm struck the barn and he fell down. He was grasping the bottom rail of the fence with all his might. The fence was completely demolished, but the prostrate man was unharmed. Just across the road from the Barrett estate stood a log building occupied by Charles and his wife. They took refuge in the rear of the house, which was almost entirely demolished. They were carried a distance of one hundred rods. Oxinger's ship was broken and he was otherwise bruised. His wife is badly bruised about the head, the skull near the left ear being crushed. Cole's team, which was hitched near the house, was killed.

St. Paul, May 18.—Half a million dollars will scarcely cover the damage done by the great storm in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. The downpour of rain was the greatest ever known in this section of the Northwest, and in many places was as destructive as a waterspout.

GENERAL DISPATCHES.

News in Brief From Various Parts of the World.

London, May 17.—The Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, journeyed to Adress on this afternoon to witness the annual review of the troops on Leffin's Plain. They were received with appropriate ceremony by Generals Sir Redvers H. Buller, Sir Henry Wood and Sir Francis Wallace. The weather was superb and the evolutions of the troops perfect. Twelve thousand troops under command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught marched past the reviewing stand. The Horse artillery came first and in the order named, followed the cavalry, militia and marines. Afterwards the infantry brigade marched in column and the mounted troops and the cavalry galloped past the reviewing stand. The lines were their longest and the troops advanced in front of her majesty, review order, and gave the royal salute. The Queen presented the Queen's cup to the Warwick regiment, the winners of the inter-regimental shooting match of 1893.

Paris, May 18.—A French army officer is quoted as saying that the only obstacle to a general European disarmament is the Reichstag.

Madrid, May 18.—The death sentences imposed on anarchists convicted of conspiracy to kill General Campos have been confirmed.

Berlin, May 18.—At the meeting of the miners' conference to-day a resolution carried holding owners of mines liable for damages in the event of injuries to employees while discharging duty.

Madame Modjeska's Farewell.
San Francisco, May 18.—It is more than probable that next season will be the last season of Madame Modjeska in this country. She has been offered to stage direction of the two national theatres of Poland, one at Warsaw and the other at Cracow. She will probably accept the offer and leave the American stage.

The Arawa Coming.
Sydney, N. S. W., May 19.—The Canadian-Australian steamship Arawa sailed for Victoria this morning.
At Russell & McDonald's.

A National Organization of Coke Workers Proposed.
Pittsburgh, Pa., May 19.—The coke strikers left camp in the valley for home this morning. They wanted to get the valley workers out. The coke workers are disappointed over the failure of the National Convention of coke workers to endorse the strike. There is talk of forming a national organization of coke workers.

Connorsville, Pa., May 19.—Negro miners are being brought to the Rainey Coke Co. in the Vanderbilt region.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 19.—Allegheny county authorities are arranging for deputies and laying in a stock of arms to be used in protecting property in case the soft-coal operators decide on concentrating their efforts in working the mines with outside labor. This step is considered probable since the failure of the conference between the men and the operators.

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