

The Loss of Life Appalling.
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YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 18.—As the weather grows milder, and people begin to bestir themselves, the loss of life and damage to property by the late storm is appalling. Mrs. Joseph Neil, north of Yankton, started a short distance to get a child from the school house, and got bewildered and froze near home. Her dead body was found next morning. Twenty miles north of Yankton, in the same neighborhood, Henry Tate lost twenty-seven head of cattle, and other farmers lost small numbers. The dead body of a man was found at Utica, seven miles north, and brought to Yankton. A man named Bruce deserted his team and his home and wandered some twenty miles. When found and brought to the city he was badly frozen in hands, feet and face. His condition is critical. J. Robinson, of Yankton, and A. J. Winters, of La Crosse, sewing machine men, who left Yankton Thursday morning by team, were found dead between the village of Tyndall and Springfield. The bodies were sent to Tyndall for shipment. Other parties in this county are missing. One farmer near Lesterville lost three hundred sheep in the storm. Jacob Kutz, of Lesterville, froze to death. His wife will lose her toes. Ed Milver's feet and hands were badly frozen, and amputation was necessary. Frank Weisher, two miles from Lesterville, went to a straw stack 100 feet from his house, and became so bewildered that he wandered ten or twelve miles before the storm, and was found dead seven miles from Yankton. In the same part of Yankton county Frank Miller lost twenty-three head of cattle, Gottlieb Montchenhamer ninety head of sheep, Joseph Pasek fifteen head of cattle, and Thomas Sills one span of horses. The loss of human life and live stock is bad enough, but many exaggerated accounts will go out. No trains north or west over either the Milwaukee or Northwestern road. But one mail has come since last Wednesday, and that came Sunday night over the Milwaukee from Sioux City, and another one is promised to-night. The train went east this morning. The sheriff went to Lesterville with the county physician Saturday and returned to-day. He had no information from Scotland or beyond the immediate vicinity of Lesterville, seventeen miles north and twelve miles from Scotland. A few farmers are in to-day from ten to fifteen miles out, and no disasters have been learned except such as reported. No communication with the towns and villages west and north of us excepting wire, and but little news to be had from Nebraska on the other side of the river. When the facts reach us the casualties will probably be as bad on that side as on this.



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