

DESTRUCTIVE STORM SATURDAY MORNING.

Lightning Causes a \$20,000
Fire at Metz.

Nine Buildings Destroyed, But
Luckily No Lives Were
Lost.

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METZ Mo., Aug. 9—The furious storm which passed over this section struck our village Friday night at 11 o'clock, accompanied with great electric display a half hour later lightning struck the store building belonging to Mrs. J. K. Dye and occupied by E. L. L. Rodman, dealer in general merchandise. The upper story was occupied by the M. W. A. and set it on fire which for a time threatened the entire business portion of the town. A furious gale from the northeast drove the heat directly against the store building of G. W. Petty, occupied by O. R. Harris. Although a drenching rain was falling the entire population, men and women turned out and by almost superhuman efforts fought back the heat by dashing buckets of water gathered from the overflowing street ditches until the winds shifted directly to the west, then northwest, saving Petty's build-

winds shifted directly to the west, then northwest, saving Petty's building and all the block of buildings south. The entire row of buildings north from Rodman's was burned, stopping only when it reached Dr. Hornback's office. The following parties sustained losses: Mrs. J. K. Dye, store building, \$1200, no insurance; Joe Dye, lodge hall, \$500, no insurance; E. L. Rodman, merchandise \$5 000, insurance \$3 000, Mrs. C. B. Wilson, building and millinery, \$800, no insurance; J. A. Salder, barber, building, \$400, insurance \$200; Campbell & Price, hardware, \$3500, insurance \$1 000; building \$1200, insurance \$500; Wiley, Cox & Co., general merchandise \$57.0, insurance, \$1500; W. W. Blake, drugs, building and residence, \$2500, no insurance; Dr. Hornback's office and residence damaged \$250, no insurance.

No people ever fought for the life of their town with greater determination or greater discomfort. Such heroism evidences the character of citizenship which will overcome their present calamity and from the ashes of what was a row of prosperous business will arise better brick structures and in a short time Metz will have forgotten Friday night's losses, and will surge forward with renewed energy and determination to draw trade from other surrounding towns. We have an opening for a practical brick manufacturer.

We have had a good scorching but are still in the ring for business.