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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

CLEAR LAKE

“Water, water, everywhere,
And how the boards did shrink,
Water, water everywhere,
And the lights were on the blink.”

These were the conditions that existed here from Sunday morning, December 30th until Wednesday evening, January 2. At 1 o'clock Sunday morning the water started to fill Cedar street and vicinity. A number of people living on that street were compelled to move out. At 1:30 the water started to come in the west part of town, and the people living in that part received the greater part of the water. The water entered the mill and also the engine room where the electric dynamo is and rose so high that the mills and town was put out of order and the town was submerged in darkness until Wednesday evening.

The greatest damage done by the water in town was the washing away of sidewalks and fences.

The flood was rather mild here compared to what it would have been had not the Sterling Bend dike broke. Although the citizens of Clear Lake sympathize with those of Burlington and vicinity they are thankful that it was not worse here.