

BALLOON PASSES OVER NORTHWEST PART OF COUNTY

Was the "Million Population Club", One of Four Starting From Kansas City.

THREE MEN PASSENGERS GREET FARMERS WIVES

Shout "Hello" as Anchor Nearly Sticks in Cornice of Barn on Thomas Shreiner Farm, 12 Miles North.

One of the four balloons that got away from Kansas City yesterday, in the start for a long distance flight to determine America's representatives in the James Gordon Bennett trophy contest in France next fall, passed over the northwest corner of Elkhart county between 9 and 10 o'clock this forenoon.

In fact, unless the one balloon that was seen scurrying near the earth in the Smith settlement four miles northwest of Elkhart quickly arose to a great height and backtracked from the north before resuming the northeastern course there were two of the aerial racers in that region. For while the Smith settlement people report that the balloon they saw was quite near the earth—missing the tallest trees by only about twenty feet—less than three miles to the northeast a rural route carrier caught sight of a similar airship sailing at an immense height. This first moved due south and then turned to the northeast, disappearing in a cloud.

All Adamsville Sees It.

Everybody in Adamsville got a good view of one balloon at 9:30 and resorters at Christiana and its connected lakes also enjoyed the novel spectacle. It was necessary to throw out ballast to avoid sinking to the water in Juno lake. It nearly touched the tree tops in the vicinity of the Miles tavern. After crossing the lake the wind changed its course from the northeast to the southeast, but it soon resumed its previous course.

The balloon, as it passed over the Thomas Shreiner farm, twelve miles north of Elkhart, came near striking the roof of a barn. An anchor tied to a rope almost caught a cornice of the barn. Mrs. Shreiner is certain she saw the word "Million" on the

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