

TREES FELLED AND STREETS FLOODED BY SEVERE STORM

**Near Cloudburst Drenches Co-
lumbus and Surrounding
Territory.**

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**Gardens Suffer—Fences Are
Wrecked—Beechwold Home
Struck by Falling Tree.**

Accompanied by thunder and lightning, a near-cloudburst drenched Columbus and surrounding territory, Wednesday evening, damaging electrical connections, felling trees, flooding streets and taxing sewers to far beyond their normal capacity.

It was the heaviest rainfall since a day in 1896, records at the United States weather bureau show. Precipitation in the 12-hour period ending at 8 a. m. Thursday amounted to .53 inch, most of which came between 9:30 and 10:30 p. m. Wednesday. The 1896 record is 1.03 inch.

Fair weather is in prospect for Thursday night and Friday, according to the weatherman. Temperature was lowest at 4 a. m. when the mercury reached 66. At 11 a. m. it had climbed to 76 degrees.

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Property damage, aside from the expense of making electrical repairs, was not considerable, according to reports coming in from all sources. Several transformers of the Columbus Railway, Power & Electric Co. were put out of service, temporarily, and one light pole was blown over at 907 New York avenue, the repair department announced. Three repair crews were kept busy for several hours. The Bell Telephone Co. and the Western Union Telegraph Co. forces also experienced a series of minor breakdowns.

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