

CYCLONE IN OXFORD.

SEVERAL BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED—ONE PERSON KILLED.

THREE PRIZE HOUSES IN RUINS—HICKS TOBACCO FACTORY A TOTAL WRECK—DWELLINGS DAMAGED—SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

Oxford was the victim of a regular Western Cyclone on Wednesday evening about 5:00 o'clock. An immense black cloud hung over the town, enveloping everything in darkness and we had to light a lamp in our office to see how to work.

The Cyclone was from the South west and was narrow in width. It first struck a two room house on the hill near the slaughter house of Grant D. Foster, which collapsed in short order.

The next scoop to the earth it made it took the bridge across the branch at the slaughter house and landed it 50 or 75 yards over on the other side of the railroad trestle.

It then struck the large 3 story prize house owned by Mrs. R. O. Gregory and occupied by Mr. W. J. Boykin, which was full of leaf tobacco, and completely wrecked it.

The Min. r Warehouse close by also suffered by having each end of it blown out, and a plank and the top of a cedar tree struck through the roof.

The residence of Dr. S. D. Booth had a narrow escape. He had a refrigerator in his porch and the wind played with it and lifted it out of the porch and set it down in the yard some distance away.

The next building struck was the Hicks Tobacco Factory owned by Mr. J. S. Brown, some 300 yards away, was completely wrecked.

Not far from this was the dwelling house of Mr. Z. W. Lyon, which was badly damaged by the flying timbers.

As soon as the rain ceased large crowds of people visited the various wrecks, wondering how the occupants of the buildings escaped with their lives.

When you feel all tired out and broken up generally, you need a good tonic. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best. Try it.

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HOME AFFAIRS.

AGENT AT ENFIELD.—Mr. S. Meyer is the authorized agent of the ROANOKE NEWS at Enfield and vicinity and any business with the paper can be transacted with him.

GOOD rains at last. Now for May flowers.

THE "Wild Irishman."

THE fish season is over.

TO-DAY is ascension day.

THE cotton is coming up.

THE leaves are about grown.

LAWN mowers are humming.

THE wild clover is in full bloom.

SCHOOL commencements draw near.

ARE you going to the World's Fair?

TRUCK farming pays when well managed.

THE crowd in town last Saturday was small.

THERE is a large crop of wild strawberries.

THE Summer girl's belt will be very elaborate.

THE market is now well supplied with vegetables.

FARMERS will soon commence chopping cotton.

MAY is the shortest month, having only three letters.

FIRES have been comfortable during the past few days.

THE advance guard of the common fly army has arrived.

WHITE frost was seen here Monday morning by the early risers.

THE best authorities now recommend eating something before retiring.

THE Pullman coaches for the "Wild Irishman" will not be ready until August.

DON'T grumble at the frequency of the showers. You'll be praying for one next August.

WELDON AHEAD.—The colored base ball team of Weldon and Halifax crossed bats on the diamond at the latter place Monday.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Major T. L. Emory, Mr. Britt, and several of the convicts at Great Falls made a narrow escape from drowning last Saturday.

THE Freshet.—The freshest in Roanoke river last week can be classed with the great freshests of former years as to damages.

A SMART HOG.—Warren county has the smartest hog. Last week when the forest fires were raging this hog saw the flames approaching her bed of straw, in which was her brood.

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OUT OF THEIR USUAL SWIM.

During the freshest last week schools of rock-fish were observed by some persons sporting in the low grounds. Mr. Montgomery, farming in Mush Island, struck a very large one with a pole at the Mush Island house, quite a mile from the river.

A QUILTING BEE.—Aunt Dinah's quilting bee to be given at Warrenton on ye twelfth day of Maye at earlie lightinge of candles, for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal church in that town, promises to be the most unique and pleasing affair of the kind witnessed during ye present century.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Weldon postoffice: Miss Mary Quarls, S D Wynn (2), Miss Mary Turner, Miss Annie Taylor, Jack Taylor, Miss Sarah Thomas, Miss Lucy Speels, Charlie Spath, Sam Swinson, Tom Smith, Henry Ramsay, Miss Mandy Rouse, Miss Sarah Richards, James Perry, J R Matthews, Miss Mollie Mason, Mrs Lou Merritt, George E Mills, Jack Long, Mr, Merloan, Tom Johnson, Miss Edna Harriss, Mrs Fannie Hicks, Miss Maniah Hawkins, E P Hubbard, Fred Gaston, A E Downing Nelson Davis, Com. of Revenue, M S Cheek, Frank Blackman, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Rosa Brown, A J Best, David Amps.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The Boards of Commissioners and Education have given joint notice that they will elect a County Superintendent of Public Instruction on the first Monday in June to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge W. A. Daniel.

This official is elected by the Board of Magistrates for a term of two years, but under the law all vacancies in the office are filled by the Boards of Commissioners and Education in joint session, and the person elected by them holds the office until the beginning of the new term, which in this instance will be June 1894. This is an important position and should be filled by a man who is thoroughly competent and in sympathy with the cause of education.

THE WILD IRISHMAN.—The schedule of the Seaboard Air Line's new train, the fast flying Wild Irishman, went into effect Sunday. The first southbound train was made up and started from this point. Captain T. H. Chavasse was the conductor in charge. The train going North arrives here at 9:00 A. M., and leaves at 9:20. Southbound it arrives at 5:41 and leaves at 5:57. This train has also caused a change in the schedule of the shoofly on the Seaboard road.

THE FRESHET.—The freshest in Roanoke river last week can be classed with the great freshests of former years as to damages. The stream commenced to swell last Thursday night and Friday it made the remarkable record of jumping up twenty four feet in a single day.

A SMART HOG.—Warren county has the smartest hog. Last week when the forest fires were raging this hog saw the flames approaching her bed of straw, in which was her brood. The old porker quickly rooted out a hole near by and deposited her pigs in it. She then laid down over them, and the fire passed over, burning the bed and singeing the hair of the mother hog. The little squealers were saved and are now just as happy as little pigs should be.

"I AM SO TIRED"—Is a common exclamation at this season. There is a certain bracing effect in cold air which is lost when the weather grows warmer, and when Nature is renewing her youth, her admirers feel dull, sluggish, and tired. This condition is owing mainly to the impure condition of the blood, and its failure to supply healthy tissue to the various organs of the body.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.—Will be of value to the world by illustrating the improvements in the mechanical arts and eminent physicians will tell you that the progress in medicinal agents, has been of equal importance, and as a strengthening laxative that Syrup of Figs is far in advance of all others.

DAMAGE BY A CYCLONE.—A fearful

tornado passed over the upper portion of this county last Wednesday night. In the Aurelian Springs section the storm was particularly severe. The largest oaks, which have stood the severest winds of ages, were levelled to the earth and many houses were destroyed.

BRILLIANT GERMAN.—The german given here last Thursday night by the Weldon German Club was the most brilliant social event of the season. The ball room presented an array of dazzling beauty, attired in costumes of richest fabrics, rendered exquisite by the artistic hand of creative genius.

At the meeting of the Town Commissioners, the following officers were elected: J. J. Whitaker, Secretary; Dr. John A. Collins, Treasurer; S Meyer, Street Commissioner. Very many changes were made in the ordinances and same were ordered printed.

THE game of base ball played here on last Thursday between our boys and the Tillery club was enjoyed by a large crowd. It was a nice game and shows that our boys will get there after awhile. The score was 5 to 9 in favor of Tillery.

THE Rev. Mr. Davis preached a very fine sermon to a large congregation in the M. E. church last Sunday. Eggs are very plentiful yet. Never before were so many eggs brought to market.

THE Kofield Fire Company had a very interesting meeting last Wednesday night and it was well attended. Something very interesting will be brought before the next meeting and all the members should be present.

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I was mistaken when I stated that there was no grist mill running within six miles of this place. There is one right here in this place run by Mr. F. Whitaker, but only on Fridays and Saturdays.

Several town lots were sold to day, and they brought very fair prices, considering it was a cash sale. Mr. S Meyer bought the storehouse and lot now occupied by Messrs Chappel & Co., and J. H. Parker the store now occupied by C. Pender.

RINGWOOD.

Rev. Gaston Battle, of Rocky Mount, will become Rector of the Episcopal church in this place, and will preach every 1st Sabbath, morning and night. He preached here last Sunday for the first time, and his sermon was very favorably commented on.

The Ringwood High School will close next week. Miss Bessie Proctor, the principal, is considered a first class instructor.

A few nights ago burglars made an attempt to break into Mr. Norfleet Harris' store and the postoffice, at this place. They were, however, discovered before they got in and driven off.

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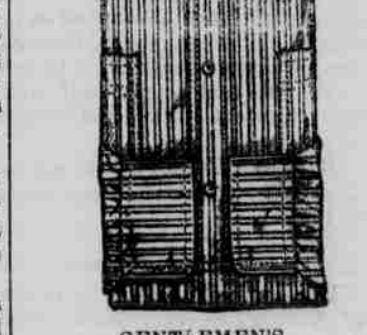
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EXECUTORS NOTICE.

The undersigned having this day qualified before the clerk of the Superior court of Halifax county as Executors of the last will and testament of Isaac Glasgow, deceased, hereby notifies all persons holding claims of the said Isaac Glasgow, deceased, to present the same duly authenticated or before the 15th day of May 1894 otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. WILLIAM H. GLASGOW, GEORGE L. BARNEA, Executors of Isaac Glasgow, dec. Littleton, N. C., May 1, 1893. 5-11-93.