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GALVESTON'S CALAMITY.

The Centre of Unprecedented Storm.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Three Thousand People Believed to Have Perished—Probably Half of the City in Ruins—Communications Cut Off—The Gulf a Gruesome Scene of Dead Horses and Some Corpses and Boats.

There were ominous rumblings in the news dispatches toward the end of last week, but they were expected to die away without carrying any special horrors save a few drownings which are sadder than they are unusual. But by 12 o'clock Sunday night the Associated Press announced appalling news from the Gulf coast of which the city of Galveston was the centre of a most terrible disaster.

The loss of life is estimated as high as 3,000, and the financial loss is incalculable.

The island is but 27 miles long and 7 miles wide, only about 1 1/2 miles at the city, but it is only a foot or two at most above the water level. It has been flooded before in '72 and '85 probably.

There were two railroad and one wagon bridges from the main land to the island that were looked upon as absolutely safe against all storms. So also with three large grain elevators. No one probably feared for them. These are said to be all gone and the tidal waves are said to have swept over the island carrying away large parts of the city, even as much as half. From the shores six miles away the city cannot be seen and all communications are cut off. One Mr. James C Timmons, of Houston, at the hazard of his life, came over in boat and gives about all the facts obtainable. A few others have been picked up and all tell the most gruesome story. The waters of the gulf bear hundreds of carcasses of horses and other animals indicating that some vessel laden with stock has been lost.

Many vessels are known to have been lost and those of smaller size lie along the surf bottom upward.

A relief train going to the scene had to return when it got within six miles of Virginia point, the track being obstructed. Many corpses together with furniture and every household implement lay in the way. While the storm was at its

centre of ruin at Galveston it raged on land about 100 miles. The town of Alvin is said to be demolished. It is said that not a house is left in Altaloma. Hitchcock is said to have suffered much.

The damage to rice and other crops is very heavy.

New Local Freight Schedule.

The Southern has entered upon an experimental change of the local freight schedule. That train now leaves Spencer at 5 o'clock in the morning instead of 7 o'clock.

It is contemplated to go to Charlotte and back to the siding at Concord in time for the 10:26 train to pass. No. 33 will pass it at Newells. Should the arrangement be found practical this schedule will be adopted. The change is very desirable in order to make certain quick freight connections. The only uncertainty probably is caused by the heavy business at Concord. Our business here is almost to the point of needing a shifting engine. We have beside the depot the sidings of the Odell mills, the Cannon mills, the Cabarrus mills, the Bleachery, the Buffalo mill, and the Gibson mill and ere long will be the Coleman mill. This means no little delay here.

Two More Fine Houses for South Union.

South Union street will be adorned by two new houses between this and the 20th century that will be second to none we are told by Contractor Propst. The one will be built by Mr. Lester Coltrane just below Mr. William Blume's and the other by Mr. D F Barrier just above Mr. R O S Miller's. The latter we are told will be quite commodious and both will be finished in the most up-to-date style and modern equipments.

Students Who Leave For School.

The following students will leave for school tomorrow: Fred Odell, Ralph Odell, Tom Smith and Fletcher Fink leave for Trinity; Misses Eula Parks, Kate Morrison and Grace Brown leave for Peace Institute, and the Misses Lizzie Montgomery, Pattie Adams, Mayfield Cole, Effie Stone and Gertrude Mathes for Greensboro Female College.

Runaway Saturday Night.

Last Saturday night as Messrs Will Flow and Davidson Pharr were driving down the Bradford Hill on their way to Concord their horse ran away and broke the buggy to pieces. When they found they could not reach town in the buggy, they both mounted the horse and proceeded on their way.

Mr. R L Duval spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Fred Swink.

FATAL MISTAKE AT GOLD HILL.

Will Myers Steps Out of Bucket and Drops 70 Feet—There is no Hope for His Recovery.

Will Myers, a laborer in the Union Copper mines at Gold Hill, was coming out of the shaft on Saturday evening. He failed to notice that the door had not been closed as the bucket landed with him and stepped out of the bucket to strike the rocky bottom of the shaft 70 feet below. His injuries are so severe that no hope is held out for his recovery.

Marriage at Bala.

W J McLaughlin, Esq., of Bala, was called upon Sunday morning to marry a couple. The contracting parties were Mr. David A Corzine, of Concord, and Miss Sarah Ann Barbee, daughter of Mr. J A Barbee, of No. 11 township. They were soon made one and went on their way rejoicing.

He is able to be Up.

We are glad to learn that Master Clyde Dayvault is getting on well and can be about in the room. No traces of his fearful accident will be left on his face, the scar being on the head. He will most probably be over the evil when the wound has had time to heal.

Home From Annapolis.

Victor Means returned home Saturday night from Annapolis, where he has been preparing to stand the entrance examination to the U. S. Naval Academy in case Arrowood failed. Vick was alternate and if Arrowood had failed he would have been our representative in the Academy from this district.

Volunteers for the Army.

The Truth-Index says that eight young men from the company of Rowan Rifles have volunteered in the United States army for a term of two years and will leave Tuesday night. They have requested to be sent to Porto Rico and expect to be sent there.

Native of Concord.

Jim Henderson, a colored man, and a native of Concord, has gained himself some prominence and distinction in the city of Boston, Mass. He is a justice of the peace, manager of the Boston advance, and at the coming election in Massachusetts he will be a candidate for the Legislature. He owns a considerable portion of Jimtown near Southern Pines. He is in the city and will address the colored Odd Fellows tonight.

MORE CRUTCHES OR MORE FAITH.

A Few of the Divine Healer's Patients are Afflicted With a Return of Their Old Ailments.

The Greensboro Telegram devotes about a column of space to the divine healer, Dr. Gilbert, who is spreading himself among the inhabitants of the City of Elms. This is all right. The doctor is at liberty to lay on hand if he wants to lay on hands, but a few residents among the Charlotte colored population would thank him to return their crutches.

It was a habit of this healer chap to take a lame patient and claw him about the head and neck till his eyes rolled whitishly in faith and fear. Then the doctor seized the crutches of his patient and carried them to his hotel. 'Twas impressive. The patient watched the spectacle, and, for a bit, felt well.

But, doctor, dear, that misery in the back—it has returned. That game leg is once more game. The ankle that you touched so tenderly has exhausted the supply of faith. And new crutches cost money.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Ed. Hendrix is taking the school census of the town. Don't let any of them get away, Edgar.

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