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RAINS IN WESTERN CAROLINA.

Asheville In Darkness. Light Plant And Street Car Service Put Out Of Commission—Streets Were Running Creeks and Rivers, Lawns Destroyed, Stores Flooded—Serious Break in Water Main Causes All Night Work—Newspapers Go Back To Hand Press.

Asheville, N. C., August 31, 1910.—The whole of Western North Carolina is prostrated by the heaviest flood in years. The damage has been immense and an estimate at present of the loss is impossible. Means of communicating with the western part of the State are not practicable now. More than six inches of rain has fallen within the past twenty-four hours and rain is still coming down intermittently.

The French Broad river is ten feet above the normal. Asheville, the chief city of the mountains with its boasted electric light and street car facilities is in darkness to-night. There are no street cars running, no lights, no power and railroad facilities are badly crippled. Three lines are entirely out of commission. Only the Asheville-Salisbury and Asheville-Knoxville lines were open for traffic to-day. The Murphy line, the Toxaway line and the Asheville-Spartanburg line are all tied up by washouts. All trains on these lines were annulled.

Included in the damage list is the trestle of the Southern railway at Craggy, connecting the main line with the National Casket Company's plant, a trestle being swept away, several thousand dollars damage to the new incomplete county concrete bridge across the French Broad river, three trestles between Hendersonville and Lake Toxaway, a serious freight wreck on the Murphy division, numerous small bridges, both county and railroad, swept in the torrents and tremendous damage to crops.

The downpour of rain began last night about eight o'clock, coming from the southeast. The volume increased towards midnight when the water came down in sheets. The streets were running creeks and rivers. The water at points left the streets, invading private grounds. Rock walls were washed from their moorings, streets turned into gullies, lawns destroyed, storehouses flooded with six inches of water in the depot section, sidewalks undermined.

During the downpour, a serious break was reported on the water mains and the supply of water cut off for a while until the break was repaired after a night's work.

There was another break to-day, but after the repairs the water system was all right. It is only the public utility here tonight in working order. Candles and kerosine lamps were pressed into service in an effort to light the houses. The only electric light in the city tonight were those at the Battery Park Hotel, an independent system. Not a single car moved nor a motor turned since the French Broad river at 11 o'clock forced the power plant to be shut down. Newspapers had to go to the hand press, while the postoffice clerks hammered away at old time cancellation methods.—News and Observer.

Saved the Bottle of Beer.

It is reported that on Thursday, August 25th, Mr. D. J. Ivey, who lives near Benson went to town and having bought a bottle of beer in the saloon of Mr. Seth Coats, commenced to drink it when Mr. John Hudson, who had a grudge against him and had promised him a beating struck him two licks, Mr. Ivey deliberately set his beer down and turning ran to get out of the way of Mr. Hudson. On leaving the side walk he fell into the street and was overtaken by Mr. Hudson who gave him several hard pelts about the head and made one ugly wound on him. Mr. Ivey went back and finished his bottle of beer, thereby showing great determination in the matter of drinking it.

The birthplace of Grover Cleveland at Caldwell, N. J., is to be purchased by the Democratic leaders of Caldwell and neighboring towns for use as a clubhouse. The property is now the Presbyterian parsonage, but was recently placed on the market by the church trustees.

PRINCETON NEWS.

Matters of Interest Reported for The Herald by Our Regular Correspondent.

Princeton, Aug. 30.—N. D. Wells, of Henderson, spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in our town.

Miss Louise Massey, after spending a month in Greene County, has returned home.

Miss Lela Benton, who spent two weeks at Fremont, has returned home.

Mrs. N. D. Wells and daughter, Gladys and little son, Nelson Whitmore, after spending two months in our town, returned to their home in Henderson last Friday.

Miss Lela Hooker, of Bayboro, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Perry this week.

D. P. Howell, an employe of the Southern Railway Company as section foreman, of Stem, N. C., and family were visitors in town last week.

The McKinne-Oliver children and all their children and family connection had their annual picnic at Massey's school house on last Tuesday. A large crowd was present and plenty to eat and to spare, so I heard.

Several of our young people took in the picnic at Ebenezer last Wednesday and report a fine time.

Died on the 28th inst., Leland, aged 12 months, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Woodard. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Daniel on the 29th. It was laid to rest at the Snipes grave yard.

Willie Massey and family, of University, are visitors in our town.

John W. Massey and family, of Clayton, visited our town last week.

There was quite a crowd of young people of Goldsboro, attended Sunday school at Methodist church Sunday. They were the guests of Miss Louise Massey.

Miss Maude Pittman and Mrs. Creech, of Goldsboro, spent last week in town with their uncle, W. C. Massey.

Mr. Will Barber, of Four Oaks, spent part of last week in town.

George T. Whitley has lately added some improvements by way of building and painting on his property, occupied by Mrs. Strachan, which enhances the value in looks 100 per cent.

Wakata street, or at least, the Finlayson part of town on Beaver Dam, is no laggard. She is coming to the front as fast as time rolls on.

New stores with attractive glass fronts have been erected and more to follow. This writer believes in expansion and improvements.

Our people love fish judging from what was sold here Saturday. I think there were 13 boxes—over one hundred dollars worth—Don't that beat you, Mr. Pine Level?

Mr. Hodges Booker, of the Princeton Lumber Company, spent last week at his home in Raleigh. During his absence Mr. Castex, of Goldsboro, filled his place.

Our merchants are all laying in a large stock of goods anticipating a good fall trade.

Messrs. W. J. and Geo. P. Massey have begun work on their dwelling houses. They will be on Fourth street and will add much to that part of our town.

Mr. J. L. Benton, Street Commissioner, is having out town drained and worked to perfection.

Our friend, Mr. J. M. Oliver, is on the sick list. We hope he may soon regain his health and strength.

Mrs. J. W. Perry gave a party Monday night in honor of Miss Lela Hooker. There were present, Misses Lela Benton, Clara Finlayson, Louise Massey, Rosie Hastings, Messrs. Alkal Massey and Willie P. Suggs. Ice cream and cake was served.

Sheriff Hunter of Buncombe county safely delivered to the State's prison Friday at 7 o'clock James B. Allison, sentenced to die in the electric chair February 24, the trip from Asheville having been made without special incident following Allison's sensational attempt to take his own life Thursday in the Asheville prison by cutting his throat with a small knife he had concealed in his cell.

Compared with 1870 pauperism in London has decreased by 50 per cent.

FREEZES OFF A BIRTHMARK.

Form of a Furry Dog on Boy's Face Removed by Hospital Surgeon in New York. Covered One Whole Side. Solution Brought to 120 Degrees Below Zero Eradicates Disfigurement.

A birthmark, that covered one side of the face of Joseph Joyce, eleven years old, with a shaggy fur has been almost entirely removed by Dr. Alfred Potter, of the Kings County Hospital. The mark bore a close resemblance to a dog. Through a difficult surgical operation Dr. Potter has eradicated most of the fur and the outline, and expects within a few weeks to effect an entire cure.

The case of the boy has been one of the most difficult on record, and because of the success of the operation the physicians of the Kings County Hospital believe that they have solved the problem of disposing of ugly, disfiguring birthmarks.

The Joyce boy lives in No. 32 State Street with his parents. A few weeks before he was born his mother was attacked by a vicious Newfoundland dog and has never overcome her fear of the animals. The boy when he grew up was an unusually handsome child with the exception of the fur that hid the right side of his face.

Instead of wearing off, as the mother had hoped, the hair on the side of the boy's face grew with his years. It was of the thick texture of a dog's fur, and the most curious thing about it was that it was shaped in the form of a dog.

The head of the animal was close to the boy's forehead and the other lines in resemblance to the animal were brought out in uncanny detail on the boy's face. His mother brought him to the Long Island College Hospital several months ago, but the boy refused to submit to the treatment. He ran away and would not return.

He was finally convinced that the mark which made him so conspicuous could be eradicated, and he consented to submit to an operation. Dr. Potter, one of the visiting surgeons of the hospital, who had had good results in this branch of work, took charge of the case three months ago.

His solution to kill the growth of the fur and to remove the traces of the mark was composed of carbon dioxide and snow. This was brought to a temperature 120 degrees below zero and applied to the face.

"Take it away! It burns," yelled the boy as the frozen solution was applied to his face. He was permitted to feel the tube to convince himself that it was frozen, but he made the same outcry when the cold instrument again touched his face. Finally he became so violent that he had to be strapped to the operating table during each application.

After a few months the treatment brought results. The fur disappeared and showed no signs of a new growth; the natural down showed in its place. The marks under the skin were blotted out and the face took on the same boyish flush that showed in the other cheek.

The head of the dog, however, still is unremoved. Dr. Potter has recognized the danger of applying the treatment too close to the temple and is going slowly in his operation in that region. He believes, however, that it will be possible for him to get under the skin with his knife and to apply his solution without atrophying any of the nerve centres so close to the brain. In the next few weeks little Joseph, the surgeon thinks, will be sent out without the disfigurement that threatened to mar his entire life.—New York letter to Richmond Times-Dispatch.

George Washington Peachy, the only surviving son of a Revolutionary war soldier, died at Los Angeles, Cal., last week, at the age of 81. Mr. Peachy was born in Kentucky in 1829, and went to California in 1863.

Prof. Royall in Charge.

Prof. L. T. Royall, who was last week elected County Superintendent of Schools to succeed Prof. Canaday who resigned, has moved to Smithfield and has taken charge of the school work.

HORSE FLESH UP IN PARIS.

France Eats 200,000 Horses Every Year. Demand Greater Than Supply.

Paris, Aug. 17.—There is a crisis in the horseflesh trade in Paris at the present moment and it seems that import duties are the cause of it. If meat were not subject to an import duty there is no reason why the French workmen should not eat beef and mutton like the American workman, but since the duty exists the price of meat is frequently too high for his modest purse, and he eats horse flesh.

More than 200,000 horses are slaughtered in France annually for human consumption; in Paris alone the figure is about 80,000. The consumption of horse flesh has increased remarkably in recent years; five years ago only 50,000 horses were eaten.

The demand is still growing, and the supply appears to be stationary. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain horses to kill, for the reason that a duty of \$20 or \$30 is imposed on each horse entering the country and intended for consumption.

The other day the "General Syndicate of the Horse Industry" and the "Syndical Chamber of Horse Butchers of Paris and the Seine" held a meeting to discuss the present crisis. It was decided to send a delegation to the minister of agriculture, asking that the duty on horses imported for human consumption be at once suspended as a temporary measure, until the matter can be brought before the chamber.

There are about 500 shops in Paris where horse flesh is sold for human food; these are the "hippophagic butchers," and they are not allowed to sell anything but the flesh of horses, asses and mules. The closing of these shops would be a heavy blow to the working classes, but unless something is done to bring about lower prices, it is possible that this step may be taken.

SYSTEM IN BUSINESS.

One of the greatest needs of the South is system. Many a farm, many a store and many a mill has failed for want of system. Nobody at the head of a business and every one doing as he pleases will not bring success. On a recent visit to Kenly we were impressed with some improvements in connection with the large mercantile establishment of Messrs. G. G. Edgerton and Son. Every now and then they put more system into the management. The store is opened at 6:30 by Mr. Snipes, the bookkeeper, and one of the salesmen. Mr. Snipes serves as cashier until Miss Leone Edgerton, the cashier, comes at 7 o'clock, when he and the salesman who helped him in the store the first hour, go to breakfast. At dinner only one or two of the force is out at a time. They close at 7:30 o'clock. They use the Lumsden Air Line Cashier system by which money is sent from five different stations in the building to the cashier's stand. This keeps the store's money at one place and secures absolute accuracy in making change. The salesmen send the money to the cashier without having to go and carry it. This gives the store a city-like appearance.

The store of Messrs. J. T. Edgerton and Brother have a Cashier's system also. They keep hardware and furniture in one store, clothing, shoes and groceries in another, dry goods in the third and millinery in the fourth store. Under this arrangement the cashier's system proves a great help to them.

Every man should put into whatever he does all the system possible.

Fifteen thousand employes of the Amoskeag Cotton Manufacturing Company, of Manchester, N. H., were thrown out of work Tuesday when the seventeen mills of the plant closed for a period of fifteen days. Curtailment of production was the reason of the shut down.

The Canadian General Methodist Conference in Victoria has declared in favor of a union church, to consist of all the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists in Canada.

NOT HARVESTING RAINBOWS.

But Representative Lloyd Says Democrats Have Chance. Does Not Expect to See a Tidal Wave, but Substantial Majority in the House.

"For the first time in several years the Democrats have substantial basis for hoping to elect a majority of the House of Representatives," said Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee.

Mr. Lloyd explained that he was not in the business of harvesting rainbows.

"I do not expect to see any political tidal wave—no two to one or three to one victory," said the man from Missouri, "but a substantial working majority. My reports are surprisingly pleasing. There are sections of the United States where Republicans are showing more interest and concern for Democratic success than the Democrats are, apparently."

"Insurgents appear to prefer Democrats in Congress rather than 'standpatters,' and the 'standpatters,' or regular organization, in other localities are reciprocating in kind. Between the two forces at war in the Republican party the Democrats must gain something. The whole Republican organization has been weakened by the fight. The Republicans have been divided and in discord before, but never quite so much as at present."

Chairman Lloyd admits that there are localities in which Democrats may vote for the insurgent Republican nominees, but he believes that in most cases of that kind the regular Republicans who will support the Democratic nominee in preference to the insurgent Republican will more than make up the Democratic defection to insurgency.—Washington Herald.

BRYAN OUT OF RACE.

For First Time He Makes Definite Announcement.

Kalamazoo, Aug. 26.—"I will not be a candidate for President in 1912," declared William J. Bryan at Kalamazoo to-day. This is the first time the Nebraskan has positively stated that he will not make an effort to secure the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1912.

"There is plenty of good material in the party, but who will be the next candidate for President on the Democratic ticket depends upon what the next Congress does," continued Mr. Bryan. "I believe the Democrats will control the next House. That the country is dissatisfied with the strength of the insurgency movement."

Mr. Bryan refused to make any comment when asked about the possibility of Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, being the Democratic candidate for President. He said:

"I was pleased to note the statement of Col. Roosevelt yesterday, while in Ohio, in which he said the time had come for corporations to be driven from politics. The Democrats for years have been urging this very thing, and Col. Roosevelt, by the position he has taken, will be able to do us much good."

FIRST BALE NEW COTTON.

Marketed at Morven Monday And Brought 16 Cens.

Wadesboro, Aug. 29.—The first bale of new crop cotton was marketed to-day at Morven, in this county. The bale weighed 517 pounds and was sold by Press E. Ratliff, to T. V. Hardison at 16 cents. Mr. Ratliff has brought the first bale to market for several years. Last year he had the first bale on the market, August 17th, and in 1908 the first bale was marketed August 12th.—News and Observer.

An Acre of Fine Corn.

Last year Mr. J. D. Underwood raised on an acre, near his dwelling, 14 3/8 barrels of corn, or more than seventy bushels. He saved from that acre nearly five hundred bundles of fodder. This year he saved 735 bundles of fodder and hopes to get twenty barrels of corn.

BENSON NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Reported by Our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Z. L. LeMay, Chairman Democratic Committee, was in town Monday night.

Mr. F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, was in town Tuesday on legal business.

Mr. Joseph W. Wood returned Monday night from Wake Forest where he took the Summer Law course.

Miss Jessamine Yelvington, of Clayton, who has been spending some time with Miss Maud Hall, left yesterday for Mount Olive to spend several days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ryals, of North Emporia, Va., visited their father, Mr. Jno. Ryals, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Royal entertained a number of our young people at their home on West Main street Monday evening from 9:30 to 11:00 in honor of Miss Mamie Stevens, of Dunn.

Miss Pearl Adams, of Greensboro, who has been spending some time at the home of Dr. F. T. Moore, returned to Greensboro to-day.

Misses Floy Johnson, of near Smithfield, and Kate Cummings, of Raleigh, visited at the home of Mr. E. F. Moore last week.

Messrs. C. T., P. B., and Chas. Johnson left Monday for New York, Baltimore and other northern points. They will be away for several days.

Mr. A. B. Hudson has purchased the lot east of the post office on Main street and has begun the erection of two brick store buildings which will add much to the appearance of East Main street.

Miss Vivian Betts, of Raleigh, has been the guest of Miss Jewel Hall for several days.

Mr. Edwards, of Rocky Mount, was in town Tuesday with friends.

Mr. J. E. Wall, traveling salesman for the Richmond Hardware Company, was in town Sunday with his wife.

Mr. Marvin Johnson is moving to-day to the residence of J. W. Benson and will take boarders for the school which opens Sept. 6th.

A very enjoyable occasion was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone Tuesday evening in honor of their guests, Misses Bessie Denning and Ethel Hooks, of Dunn. Punch, salads and other refreshments were served.

A revival is being conducted at the Baptist church this week by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Justice, assisted by Rev. J. V. Willis, of South Carolina.

Mr. R. F. Smith and sister, Miss Leola, and Miss Ora Pool returned Monday from Baltimore where they purchased a large stock of millinery and dry goods for the R. F. Smith Company.

Our people regret very much to learn of the resignation of Prof. J. P. Canaday, caused by ill health. We also congratulate the County Board of Education in selecting Prof. L. T. Royall to succeed Prof. Canaday. While we regret exceedingly to lose Prof. Royall from our town and school we feel that the public schools of the county will have another excellent man at their head.

The Benson Graded School will open Tuesday Sept. 6th under the management of Prof. Z. H. Rose, of Princeton. Prof. Rose has had several years' experience in teaching and will make an excellent principal. He will be assisted by Misses Emily Canaday, Ruth Jones, Fannie Richardson, Mary Cooke, Mary Carroll and Mrs. Luna Toler.

Theodore Gilbert, the 5-year-old son of Will Gilbert, near Lincolnton, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Friday afternoon. The little fellow with his mother had gone to the well for water and while his mother was talking to a number of her friends who had gathered at the well the fatal bolt struck in the midst of the group. Mrs. Gilbert and six others were stunned, but their condition is not serious.

Nagasaki is the oldest port in Japan, where the first foreigners, Portuguese merchants, landed 326 years ago. It is one of the five most important ports of the country, with a population of 75,000. The largest vessels in the world can anchor in its spacious harbor.