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THREE VILLAGES BLOWN AWAY

Wires Are Down Through Nebraska and Communication Cut Off, But Considerable Loss of Life and Much Property Damage Is Reported—Twelve Reported Killed in One Town—College Buildings at Bellevue Wrecked—The Storm the Most Severe That Ever Visited Eastern Nebraska—Fort Crook Struck by Storm, Damaging Barracks, Bldgs., Church, But Nobody Was Injured—Details Hard to Obtain.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—A special from Springfield, Neb., says a tornado late to-day wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Ritchfield, killing several persons and injuring a large number. The heaviest loss of life and injured is reported from Louisville, a junction point of the Missouri Pacific and Burlington railroads in Cass county. The number of deaths is unknown and no names have been secured, but it is said between 40 and 60 are injured, many seriously and many fatally. The town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out, but it is not known that there are any fatalities. Bellevue is the seat of Presbyterian College.

It is difficult to get any definite news from Louisville. Reports are to the effect that the town is blown away and the people in a panic. The Burlington station was torn to pieces, most of the business houses wrecked and 30 residences destroyed. The Missouri Pacific depot is standing, but both telegraph and telephone wires are down.

There were four distinct tornado clouds as seen at Springfield and they made their appearance shortly before 5 o'clock. Heavy damage was done in the country and it is feared there were some loss of life.

Despatches received at Lincoln say there were severe storms along the Missouri river further south, at Nebraska City and Falls City.

Omaha, Neb., May 12.—Twelve persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept the northern part of Barry county at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The storm, which gained velocity on its way south, started in Omaha about 4:30. At Bellevue the college buildings were damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000 and several persons were injured, none fatally.

The casualty list, so far as known, is as follows: Dead: MRS. FRANK HESTER, living near Louisville. CHARLES LEADER, near Ritchfield.

TWO UNKNOWN, at Louisville village. SEVEN PERSONS, names unknown, in sand pit, near Louisville. Charles Martin, fatally injured, near Meadow.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck eastern Nebraska. The damage done to the college buildings at Bellevue was heavy. The lawer building was blown from Park Hall, and the building was wrecked. Lowry Hall and Rankin Hall were unroofed.

The panic stricken students ran to the basement and in this way many fatalities were probably averted. The college stable was wrecked and all the horses killed. A number of small buildings and stores in the village were blown down.

Moving south the tornado struck Fort Crook, damaging several of the barracks buildings, but nobody was injured. In the town of Fort Crook, however, a number of buildings were entirely wrecked and other damage done.

MOVEMENT OF STORM. The storm lifted and dipped at intervals, continuing to move southward doing much damage to farm property. The first town struck was Papillion, eight miles south of South Omaha. At that point the storm was not great, the funnel-shaped cloud apparently lifting sufficiently to pass the town. It again descended, however, as the storm moved toward Richfield, 4 miles south of Papillion. In its path was the farm of Gus Leader, whose farm buildings were entirely destroyed and his son, Charles Leader, aged 14, was killed outright. All his live stock was killed.

Edwin Martin's farm was the next to be swept. Mr. Martin's home and all his barns and small buildings were totally destroyed and Mr. Martin was fatally hurt by being crushed under his home. The little town of Richfield was almost blown to pieces, but the casualty list was small.

EIGHT LOSE THEIR LIVES. At Louisville half the town was wrecked and at least eight persons lost their lives. Mrs. Frank Hester was killed in her home. Seven men who took refuge in a sand pit north of town were killed outright, their names were not available.

Two miles north of Papillion Martin Keith and his son James were driving along the little Papoo river when their horse became frightened by the hail and plunged into the swollen stream. Both father and son were drowned.

An officer from Fort Crook arrived in the city to-night and stated that the damage to the buildings would amount to \$100,000 by the storm alone and that the village is almost a total wreck.

A REMARKABLE SCENE. A remarkable scene was enacted when the officers realized that a tornado had struck the post. Six hundred troops of the 10th Cavalry Regiment were brought to battalion formation and in the midst of falling glass roofs and other debris, they were marched across the parade ground to the substantial buildings where they were put at "rest" and took to the cellars.

The roofs of several of the large buildings were blown off and other damage done.

Michigan For Taft. Grand Rapids, Mich., May 12.—Michigan's delegation to the Republican national convention was this afternoon instructed by the state Republican convention, which met here to select four delegates at large, two presidential electors at large and a state chairman to "cast an undivided vote of the whole State" in favor of the nomination of Secretary Taft. It was an unusually harmonious convention.

Union, S. C., Elects New Mayor. Union, S. C., May 12.—In the municipal election here to-day Leon L. Wagoner was elected mayor by a majority of 121 over James G. Long, Jr.

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CAMPAIGN IS OPENED.

Mr. T. DeQuincy Tully, of New York, Spoke Monday Night at Salisbury Against Prohibition—He Will Speak at Other Cities Also.

Salisbury, May 12.—Last night Mr. T. DeQuincy Tully, of New York, addressed about 350 men on the subject of State prohibition. This is practically the opening of the speaking campaign on the "wet" side and Mr. Tully's remarks were listened to with the greatest attention. In a clear, concise fashion without any display of bitterness and taking the bill as it appears the speaker went on to prove that it was no prohibition measure at all and would have absolutely no effect on the evils which accompany the liquor traffic. "This bill," said Mr. Tully, "actually legalizes the manufacture and sale of wine and cider and there is no provision how hard or soft the latter may be. The radicals are not great friends of the people. For the past 13 years the great fight of our league in New York has been against the evil that accompanies the liquor traffic, not against the traffic itself, and in our work to-day we are receiving the hearty support of all brewers and distillers in that section. Regulation, not prohibition, is what we want. Enforcement of the good law you already have is much preferable to the enactment of a new law which really you know very little about. The prohibitionists are throwing shame and ignominy upon the law by doing away with the law and whenever you do away with a law then you have an anarchist. You shall not raise a certain kind of law if the people want prohibition in a township, let them have it—a law of that kind can be enforced. It is the short-sighted man that will aim for a minute that a county or State shall enforce a law that the people are not behind. It is just as un-American and un-Democratic to say that you shall not have whiskey as to say you shall not raise a certain kind of potato or sell a certain kind of cloth. Again, to be a law it is necessary that a statute should provide a penalty for infringement. Does this prohibition measure which you are called on to ratify on May 26th provide for "making the punishment fit the crime." No, it just says violation will be a misdemeanor and offers every inducement to the blind tiger.

"I understand this measure was introduced last January by a Democratic Legislature. Now the Democrat who votes for this bill and falls to support the national prohibition ticket next November is certainly stultifying himself. If it is good for the State, it is good for the nation and it will be very interesting to watch how you Democrats are going to cross that river.

"Because a man is engaged in the liquor business (it makes no difference how high or how honest he may be) certain people are throwing around making speeches and telling you he has no right to be heard. It is class legislation you are asked to pass and nothing else. The law will visit several of the large cities of the State. He is a logical, forceful speaker, inducible in no oratorical pyrotechnics and doesn't call anybody bad names. His speech last night created most favorable comment and he is certain to make a good impression wherever he goes.

SECRETARY TAFT RETURNING.

It is Understood That the Matters He Went to Panama to Look Into Have Been Adjusted.

Colon, May 12.—Secretary Taft sailed from here at 3 o'clock this afternoon on the Pralrie for Charleston. During his stay on the isthmus, which has lasted six days, the Secretary has had no idle moments. His efforts were directed mainly to improvements in the administration of the canal zone, the consideration of the boundary dispute between Panama and Colombia, and the relations between Panama, Colombia and the United States. There have been many conferences, in which Secretary Taft, President Amador, Foreign Secretary Araya, Mr. Squire, the American minister; Senator Arango, the Panama minister and William Nelson Cromwell, the legal adviser of the canal company, have taken part, and while no official statement has been given out relative to much that has been accomplished, it is announced that a satisfactory agreement has been reached. The matter of the boundary line will be taken up by Mr. Taft when he reaches Washington, with President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

Republican State Senator Elected in New York Over Democrat.

Lockport, N. Y., May 12.—William C. Wallace (Republican) was to-day elected Senator from the forty-seventh ward, receiving a plurality of 248 votes over Henry A. McMahon, the Democratic candidate. The total vote was: Wallace 7,601; McMahon 7,353. This is about two-thirds of the normal vote in the district. The forty-seventh senatorial district is made up of Niagara and Orleans counties and to-day's was a special election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator S. P. Franchot, a Republican.

STOCK SCARE IS SOLVED

THE MOON AND A LOCUST TREE

Jailer Mitchell Discovers That What Has Frightened His Prisoners so Much Recently Is But the Gentle Silver Moon Casting Shadows on a Window—Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Henry Return From Their Honeymoon in Europe—Will Harkins Receives Parole From Governor, and is Going to Study For Ministry—Ex-Governor Aycock to Deliver Address at Commencement of Normal and Collegiate Institute.

Asheville, May 12.—All is now calm and serene at the county jail here. The mystery of strange "faces at the iron bars" which recently caused the prisoners such fright has been solved and the inmates of the jail have regained their nerve. Last night Jailer Mitchell determined to learn if possible just what was causing the prisoners such fright. He went to the jail during the early hours and lay down on a cot in the corridor of the jail structure. About 11 o'clock he was aroused by one of the prisoners screaming "There he is." The jailer arose and looking toward the window was startled to see what appeared to be a hideous and uncanny looking something resembling a man's head and face. The jailer is superstitious but for an instant he stood and watched the thing. Then he walked over to the window to investigate. What he found caused near causing an outbreak of laughter, incidentally he had solved the mystery. The whole trouble had to do with the moon and a great locust tree some 50 yards from the jail. The moon shining through the boughs of the locust tree cast fantastic shapes to be thrown against the jail window and it was these shapes that the prisoners believed to be "spooks." The jailer caused one of the men about the jail to climb the tree and shake the limbs in order to thoroughly convince the prisoners that it was the tree limb shadows and not "spooks" that had frightened them. The prisoners have been seeing these shadows at intervals during certain moonlight nights—for several weeks and months. Recently two of the prisoners were so badly frightened that they fainted. Sheriff Hunter is greatly relieved over the solving of the troublesome matter. He feared that sooner or later the prisoners through fright would make a bold dash for liberty and that either some of the prisoners would be run over and hurt. The prisoners had intended making just such a break. In fact yesterday morning they told Jailer Mitchell that they proposed going out of the jail at the very first opportunity presented; that they would run over him or pass him. The prisoners are now all right and there is no longer any fear of a dash for liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip S. Henry, who were married in England March 25th, returned to Asheville yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Henry was formerly Miss Wolf, a cousin of Mr. Henry, who spent much time in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Henry will occupy Mr. Henry's palatial home, "Zealandia," on the mountain east of the city. Mr. Henry's two little daughters, Violet and Leonore, who have been visiting relatives in New York, returned with Mr. and Mrs. Henry. The latter spent their honeymoon traveling through England and France.

FROM CHANGING TO PULPIT.

Will Harkins, a young man who was recently convicted and sent to the county roads for forgery, was pardoned to-day by Governor Glenn. It is said that Harkins is a changed man. Recently he said that he believed his sentence to the chalingang was the making of him; that it brought him to his senses. He said that when he had served his time, he purposed studying for the ministry. Young Harkins is well connected here. He returned to Asheville about a year ago from a wandering tour of five years through the Mississippi river. The commencement exercises of the Normal and Collegiate Institute here will occur June 7th-9th. Former Governor Charles B. Aycock has been secured to deliver the commencement address this year. This address, which will doubtless attract a large crowd from the city, will be delivered on Tuesday evening, June 8th, at 8 o'clock. The graduates will on that evening be presented with their diplomas. The class this year numbers 30 young ladies.

"The" Allen, Notorious New Yorker, Passes Away.

New York, May 12.—Theodore Allen, known throughout the sporting world as "The" Allen, died suddenly to-night at the home of his son-in-law, Clarence E. Owen, in West Eighth Street. Two hours later the coroner interrupted the funeral by the embalming of the body and ordering an autopsy performed. Members of the family were summoned by the coroner and examined. Allen's physician, Dr. Herman Boer, reported that "The" had died from locomotor ataxia, but one of the dead man's brothers, Martin Van Buren Allen, declared it his belief that "The" had died as a result of foul play. He was 77 years of age and had a notable and spectacular career. He was best known as a promoter of pool rooms and as a bookmaker.

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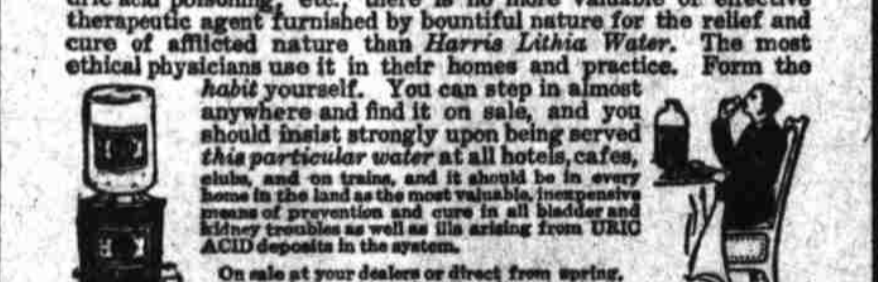
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