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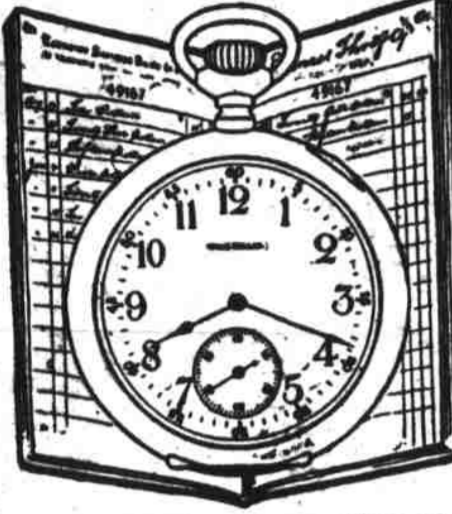
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DISASTROUS STORM.

Southern Coast Struck Hard and Much Damage Done to Property and Life.

Pensacola Dispatch, Sept. 28th.

The worst hurricane to visit this city in its history and almost equaling the Galveston disaster, raged here furiously all last night and this morning, and to-day, with a gale still blowing, the city presents a wrecked appearance and the damage is estimated at \$5,000,000. The loss of life will be heavy among the mariners, but so far only one body has been recovered, a man named George Morgan, a fisherman. Other bodies are reported along the shore, but have not been recovered.

Commencing at 7 o'clock last night the wind blew at 50 miles for three hours, then increased to 65. From that time until 5 o'clock it remained about 80 and 90 miles an hour. The tides from the bay backed into the city for blocks, destroying homes and making rivers out of streets. When the gale was at its highest this morning and women and children were running frantically about the streets in darkness, the alarm of fire was sounded and this added to the confusion. The fire started in the Pitt Mill, near the business district, and horses of the fire department refused to go out in the weather. With the tin roofs flying about them, trees and wires falling over them the fireman took their hose wagons by hand and rushed down the streets to the scene and after hours of work controlled the blaze. This afternoon the water front and business districts present an almost indescribable scene. Of the 50 or 60 big steamers and sailing vessels lying in the harbor, only five or six are there now. They have been driven ashore and along the water front is a mass of wreckage of steamers, tow boats, launches and sailing craft of all descriptions. Thirty fishing vessels in port have been destroyed or damaged and the three big fish houses, with their wharves, are gone. Muscogee wharf and the Commandancia Tarragona wharves of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad are badly damaged. Great iron ships of 2,000 and 3,000 tons have been driven, not only ashore, but have gone through houses a block from the water front. Every house along the water front for a distance of ten miles has been destroyed and the wonder is that the loss of life is not greater. The tracks of the terminal railway to the navy yard and barracks have all been destroyed, as also the trestles and bridges.

Every business house from the wharf to the Union depot has been unroofed, many plate glass windows broken, stocks badly damaged and wires and poles all mixed up together. There are no electric lights, cars or telegraph or telephone service. The track of the Louisville & Nashville on the Pensacola and Atlantic division has been washed up for 30 miles and two engines and cars sent out to the quarantine station have been destroyed.

Eight sailors from a British steamer were in the place and as it went over they clung to the roof and five were washed ashore on this side this morning, the other three being drowned. While the storm was at its height Wednesday a steamer, barkentine and schooner were sighted in the Gulf, but no tug could venture to them. Waves

were running mountain high and broke entirely over Santa Rosa Island into the bay. Five fishing schooners anchored in bay broke their cables and drifted seaward, nothing having since been heard from their.

MOBILE, ALA.

Loss of life, variously estimated at from 5 to 50 persons, many people injured, 5,000 houses damaged, the business quarter devastated, a property loss of fully \$8,000,000, is the effect of a tropical hurricane of the last 48 hours on the city of Mobile.

The storm struck Mobile Wednesday night at midnight and raged for many hours, the wind reaching a velocity of 90 miles an hour.

The loss of life is believed to be mainly among negroes, although conditions are so chaotic that information is indefinite.

SHIPPING SUFFERED.

Much apprehension is felt for the suburban towns. It is feared they have been obliterated. The chances are that the loss of life on Dauphin Island is heavy. Many fishermen live on Dauphin Island and other outlying marshy tracts from which no tidings have been received. The suffering in Mobile is severe, the annihilation of transportation facilities has shut off all supplies, and unless help reaches Mobile from the outside world soon, great distress will result.

Every church in Mobile was damaged, the Christ church cathedral and St. Francis Street Baptist church suffered more than others. The damage to Christ church cathedral is estimated at \$40,000 and to St. Francis Street Baptist church at \$10,000.

All wharves from Frascatia street, the extreme south end of the city, as far up the river as Three Mile creek are wrecks. This include the new Mobile & Ohio docks and the Louisville & Nashville docks.

Telegraphic communication is paralyzed, with no prospects of wires for several days.

Electric light companies, street railways and, in fact, all business, have been suspended.

The Mobile & Ohio Railroad was the first road to get out of the city. Its first train left Mobile at 4 a. m. to-day.

Numerous saw mills in the northern and marshy regions have been either washed away by the terrific waves or torn to splinters by the wind. Their lumber and timbers are to be seen scattered over the city and floating down the slowly falling river.

Provisions are almost exhausted. Restaurants feed many, but have no supplies on hand. Ham and eggs constitute their food supply. These, too, will soon become exhausted. Wholesale houses lost many thousands of dollars from the flood and willingly pay as high as \$1.50 per hour for common labor, and earnestly begged men to accept the pay, so frantic were they to save goods.

John S. Bain Killed.

Charleston, S. C. dispatch 29th.

A special dispatch from Dillon, S. C., tells of a duel to the death in that town this afternoon. John S. Bain was killed in front of his store by Kelly Quick, an employee of the Dillon Cotton Mills. The dispatch says that Quick's wife complained to him that Bain had spoken disrespectfully to her and used improper language. Quick named himself and went to Bain's store. He was observed and Bain met him at the door. Both began shooting with pistols, but Quick's aim was true and he shot Bain in the chest. Quick then went to another store and got a gun. Bain also secured

a gun, but as he stepped out from the store again and called to Quick the latter fired a load of buckshot into the merchant's left side and he died in a few minutes.

We understand that Mr. Bain was at one time, several years ago, a resident of Lumberton, and is well remembered here. He was engaged in making harness while he was here.

Kind of Potatoes.

New York Sun.

Something like 175 varieties of sweet potatoes may be produced in the South, but for practical considerations that are only half a dozen or less that are commercially important.

These are divided by the Southern Field into two distinct classes: First, the sorts held in favor in the North, which must be yellow, dry, mealy small to medium size, and in the opinion of the Southern grower the less good quality they possess the better they are appreciated.

Second, the varieties desired by Southern consumers, which may be yellow, red or white, medium or large in size, but must be moist, sugary and of rich flavor—qualities directly opposite to those demanded in Northern markets.

The old pumpkin or yellow yam, the vineless yam and the Red Providence are considered the best for Southern trade. These are good, whether boiled or fried. When baked they come from the oven covered with a browned, sugary coating which has resulted from the exudation of over-abundance of sugar with which the potato is loaded. They make pies and puddings which are superior to those made from pumpkin or squashes.

People are governed by habit even in eating, and the Northern consumer, having firmly fixed in mind the ideal for the Irish potato—that is a dry, mealy potato—is disposed to sacrifice quality to make the sweet potato conform to this standard.

While this is true it is also a fact that Northern visitors to the South, many of whom have never had an opportunity to buy in their home markets the varieties so highly esteemed in the South, are quick to appreciate their merits when served on the table at Southern hotels and in Southern homes.

This has convinced many growers and handlers of sweet potatoes that some adequate movement should be inaugurated to educate the public at large to the merits and good value of the Southern type of sweet potato.

High Rolling.

Newark News.

"A \$75,000 automobile rolled through the \$60,000 bronze gates and up the \$25,000 winding avenue to the \$20,000 marble steps. Descending from the machine, the billionaire paused a moment to view the smiling \$500,000 landscape. Across the \$90,000 lawn a \$125,000 silver lake lay sleeping in the shades of early evening, and beyond it rose a lordly \$80,000 hill whose crest, cloaked with forest at an expense of \$200,000, glowed in the last golden rays of the setting sun. The billionaire sank luxuriously into a \$2,000 ivory porch chair and rested his feet on the rosewood railing of the \$160,000 veranda. It is pleasant, he observed, to get back to nature once in a while. After the cares and worries of the business day I certainly love to run out to this quiet little \$60,000,000 country club of ours and taste a bit of simple life. It is good to keep in touch with the soil; for what is man but dust after all!" Feeling restored he passed in through the \$400,000 doorway to his \$1500 dinner."

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