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THE WATER EVERYWHERE

THAT IS, ALONG THE CITY'S WATER FRONT.

The French Broad Rises 30 Inches Yesterday and 11½ Last Night—Too Wet For Electric Lights—Water Notes.

The rains that have fallen in these parts since Sunday have outdone anything of the kind occurring hereabouts for a number of years. The rainfall was excessive and the rivers and small streams in various sections are 'way up, doing more or less damage to crops along the bottoms.

The French Broad is out of its banks the entire city front. Thirty inches rise in the waters was marked for ten hours of daylight yesterday and that height gained 11½ inches to 6 o'clock this morning. The upper boom of the French Broad Lumber company is nearly filled with logs shot down in the freshet and the low ground in the region of the mill is covered with water. The boom house was wrenched from its fastenings and sailed off about 6 o'clock.

At the depot the yellow flood was swung to the fence of the stock yard, making an even sweep to the banks at Tahkeeostee. The Standard Oil company's lot was under water, but nothing was damaged.

The roaming waters found their way through the yards of the Asheville Cotton Mills early in the afternoon of yesterday and soon surrounded the tenements of the lower section, covering the gangways and cutting off the inmates from their homes. Later in the day passage was made by skiffs, but the continued rise of the river in the night frightened many of the people to the act of returning to the mill side and to the dwellings of friends. Superintendent Barnhart was out all night with a force of men keeping watch on the partially submerged buildings. A 12-inch dam was built around the basement of the cloth room; it was impossible to relieve the wash at the waste and cotton houses and they held down the outer circle of the inundation together with the stables of Lindau, Hough & Co. The anxieties of the night gave the mill hands little chance for sleep and the generally demoralized condition of things decided the superintendent not to start up the mill today, and give the employes a needed rest. Skiffs skimmed busily from the railroad track to the cabins, but the householders soon returned disgusted with the outlook. On some of the porches bedclothes and other plunder were bunched up for the quick grab of the owner if necessity should require.

At Jones' lumber yard at Smith's bridge the early morning measurement showed a rise in the night of 11½ inches and the tide was thought to be at flood. The waters were up to the foundations of the dry kilns and had completely shut out the stables and compelled the removal of the stock.

The floor timbers of Smith's bridge were 12 feet clear of the water and no trouble to the structure was feared unless the booms further up the river should break and dump their heavy burdens against the piers.

The newly fenced coal yards of the Asheville Ice and Coal company at the south end of the railroad bridge were included in the range of the flow, but the damage did not get beyond the straining fences. The cabins of Red Egypt, although surrounded and threatened with destruction, did not give up their tenants, who occupied the doorways and windows seemingly ready for a jump if the situation got bad enough.

The flood put Asheville's light out last night. At the dam of the West Asheville Improvement company, where the light current is generated, the water backed up under the machine house and necessitated the stoppage of the machinery. Mr. Carrier told THE CITIZEN today that he hoped to have the trouble remedied and the lights going tonight. A report was in circulation last night and this morning to the effect that the big dam had broken. This was a mistake.

North Main street was a sight to make street car men weep this morning. A goodly portion of Starnes avenue washed into the street and across the car track, and a choked drain over the culvert caused the covering of the sidewalk with mud. At the Chestnut street crossing the old story was repeated and several inches of mud had to be removed before cars could pass that point.

As is usual when the rains descend, the drain on Patton avenue near the St. Johns hotel became choked last night and the water backed up almost into the door of the hotel.

The rainfall yesterday, reported by Dr. Karl von Ruck, United States signal service observer, was 1.93.

No train was sent out from here to Columbia this morning. The train from Columbia, however, is reported on time.

JUDGE ARMFIELD ILL.

His Ailment Erysipelas—Transylvania Court Adjourns.

Reports from Brevard are such as to arouse anxiety concerning the physical condition of Judge R. F. Armfield, who recently presided over Buncombe's Superior court.

Judge Armfield was engaged last Friday on a very important litigation in the Transylvania court. Some of the members of the bar noticed that as the Judge sat on the bench his face was unusually flushed and remarked to him about it. He replied that he was not feeling unwell, but later he consulted a physician with the result that the physician commanded that the Judge should go to bed. The Judge's ailment is erysipelas, and when last heard from he was no better. Court was of course adjourned.

The Judge Improves.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., Sept. 12.—[Special.]—Judge Armfield is reported very much improved.

C. M. Kenyon.

Confessed and Skipped.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 12.—Fred O'Connor, the train dispatcher whose forgetfulness caused the wreck on the Fort Wayne road, in which a dozen lives were lost, has not been seen by any of his friends here since. A few minutes before he left the city he sent a message to the coroner of Cook county stating that he, O'Connor, was alone to blame.

GEARY'S STRANGE VIEWS.

Puts Anarchists and Missionaries on The Same Plane.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Representative Geary of California, author of the law of 1892, providing for the deportation of unregistered Chinese in the United States, says he is satisfied that the provisions of the law will be enforced by the administration. He had interviews with President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle on the subject, and he said that assurances had been given him that the law would be carried out. When asked whether he had any reason to look for retaliatory measures by the Chinese government upon the Americans residing in that country, he said:

"I am perfectly willing to vote for a bill requiring every American missionary in China to return to his country within a year, the protection of this government to be withdrawn from him at the expiration of that time. I would do this just as I would vote to expel every anarchist from the United States within a year. The principle that would exclude anarchists from this country would keep American missionaries out of China. Their cases are exactly parallel."

In direct contradiction to Mr. Geary's understanding of the situation comes a statement, apparently from a well informed source, that the President has called a halt in the execution of the exclusion law.

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY.

Serious Charges Against a Colored Nominee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Serious charges were filed Saturday against Mr. Henry C. C. Astwood, formerly of Louisiana, but now of New York, the colored man whose name was sent to the Senate Friday by Mr. Cleveland for the consulate at Calais, France. The charges were lodged with Secretary Gresham. Mr. Astwood is accused of being a native of the West Indies, who has never taken out naturalization papers; of leaving his wife and committing bigamy, and of deserting from the navy.

Mr. Astwood called on Secretary Gresham in company with C. R. Taylor, president of the Negro Democratic league. Mr. Taylor told a reporter that the charges against his friend had been disproved 11 years ago when he was appointed to the San Domingo consulate. Mr. Astwood, he said, had been nominated for the Calais post solely through the efforts of the Negro Democratic league, in which he was chairman of the committee. The charges had been made originally, said Mr. Taylor, by C. R. Douglass, who was a disappointed candidate for the office secured by Mr. Astwood.—N. Y. Sun.

MARRIED IN WRITING.

Singular Wedding Ceremony Performed on Paper.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 9.—Miss Nellie Bean and Mr. W. D. Dougerty are mutes. Justice of the Peace Orr today united the couple in the holy bonds of matrimony. The justice wrote the marriage down. When everything was in readiness for the ceremony he handed the paper to the young lady. As she read the questions she would answer "Yes" and designate with her fingers the one she answered.

The paper was then given to Mr. Dougherty. Opposite the questions was left blank space enough for him to write the answer to each question, which was properly done. After the ceremony had been performed and Judge Orr had put down the little slip of paper with these words, "I pronounce you man and wife," the young couple read it and wrote that they were ready to receive the congratulations of the Justice and the few friends who were present.

Judge Orr's congratulations were written on a piece of paper which he gave the young pair.—N. Y. World.

CAN HAVE OUR PATENT.

If It's Rain They Want, Come Here.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., Sept. 12.—A stock company has been organized here which proposes to conduct one of the most unique insurance schemes ever thought of. It proposes to insure the farmers of this section against damage from lack of rain.

The company will do a big business, as rain is by no means the most common article in this section of the State.

Our Bank Note System.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Henry Clews' weekly stock letter says: "The final repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman Act is now so generally taken for granted that the silver question no longer causes any serious apprehension. Congress, however, shows such a decided disposition to reshape our currency system that there can be little doubt that, when the Senate has given its vote against silver purchases, the problem of amending our bank note system will receive earnest consideration."

That White House Baby.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The White House baby is doing well and so is Mrs. Perrine, who is now with her daughter and will remain until she is able to be up. The President pursues his regular routine in his office.

Telegrams and letters are still being delivered at the White House from people in all parts in the country congratulating the President and Mrs. Cleveland on the new accession to their family.

A Nashville Bank.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 12.—After being closed just 30 days, the First National bank reopened its doors yesterday, and during the five hours of business received in deposits $389,948.48. There were 350 depositors, the largest amount being $30,000. Only $4,300 was drawn out.

The Worm Will Turn.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—The foreign office here is informed that the Chinese government is preparing a protest against France's new aggressions in Siam, and has given orders that the Chinese squadron of ironclads be made ready to sail at a moment's notice.

44 Mills Start Up.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sept. 12.—Today 44 out of 64 mills in this city are running on a reduced scale of wages, varying from 9 to 14⅔ per cent. less than the schedule last week.

THE MILL GRINDING AGAIN

GRIST GIVEN OUT FOR SEVERAL COUNTIES.

Collector Elias Appoints D. L. Reynolds General Storekeeper, Salary Being $1,800—Orders to Deputy Collectors.

Collector Elias today made public the following appointments to positions in the revenue service. The most important is that of Mr. Reynolds, who until a short time ago was tax collector of Buncombe. The appointments follow:

Buncombe county—D. L. Reynolds, general storekeeper, salary $150 per month; W. R. Gudger, storekeeper and gauger.

Union county—J. W. Griffin, storekeeper and gauger.

Anson county—R. A. Carter, storekeeper and gauger.

Polk county—W. V. Sevier, James Fisher, storekeepers and gaugers.

Alexander county—J. W. Echerd, storekeeper and gauger.

Yadkin county—P. S. Early, storekeeper and gauger.

McDowell county—Wm. Hennessee, Reuben McKinny, John English, storekeepers and gaugers.

Henderson county—H. P. King, brandy gauger.

Transylvania county—S. P. McConnell, W. M. Henry, storekeepers and gaugers.

Collector Elias today issued the following instructions to deputy collectors in the Fifth district, which are intended to put an end to frivolous prosecutions in the United States courts:

"I deem it my duty to advise you of the circumstances under which you can and should swear out warrants before U. S. Commissioners for the arrest of persons charged with violations of internal revenue laws. The order of court and the statutory provisions restricting the power of U. S. Commissioners to to issue warrants unless upon affidavits alleging personal knowledge of the complainant, or upon the sworn complaint of a deputy collector or revenue agent setting forth facts upon information and belief, were provoked by the large number of frivolous cases which were dismissed in the courts at the cost of the United States. They were adopted, too, in behalf of economy and the best interests of the government, upon the belief that this method would not only restrict prosecutions for slight offenses on insufficient evidence, instigated by 'professional witnesses' or others for their own pecuniary advantage, but would secure the prosecution and conviction of the more guilty violators of law, thus deterring others.

"While the responsibility in this matter is really mine, much depends on your judgment and your official and personal integrity in restraining the volume of prosecutions to those necessary in the public interest and protecting the government from enormous bills of cost, without realizing any practical benefit by diminution in the number of violations of law. You are instructed, therefore, that in all cases, except those deemed emergent ones, you should decline to swear out warrants upon request of deputy marshals and U. S. Commissioners, unless upon inquiry and examination, (which should be promptly made, however, in any case of a serious offense charged) the case is found to be one in which a prosecution is warranted by the evidence and demanded by the public interest."

Collector Elias expected to leave for Washington this afternoon, but on account of the irregular running of the trains has postponed his start till tomorrow. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Elias and their children and they will take in the World's Fair before their return to Asheville.

WILL TALK IT OUT.

A Long Struggle On In The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—In concluding yesterday his speech Senator Pugh said:

"It is the determined and unalterable purpose of the opponents of repeal to stand upon their convictions of public duty and fidelity to their pledges to the people whom they represent until physical strength is exhausted and the power of speech is left to no senator, to prevent the success of the conspiracy denounced by John G. Carlisle as equal in its consequences to war, pestilence and famine."

Lost Track of United States Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—No advices have yet been received from the cruisers Yorktown and Charleston, now on the Southern American coast, one of which the Navy desired to station at Rio De Janerio to protect American interests. Secretary Herbert has given up hope of hearing from the Yorktown in time to send her to Brazil, and she will doubtless proceed to the Pacific station.

Lucky and Faithful.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 12.—George W. Dye, one of the wealthiest planters in Northeast Georgia, is dead and has left his fortune, over a half million, to a negro family who attended him for the last 50 years.

It Is The Vigilant.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—At the meeting of the America's cup committee yesterday it was formally decided that the Vigilant should defend the American cup against the Valkyrie.

Rev. Telfair Hodgson Dead.

SEWANEE, Sept. 12.—Rev. Telfair Hodgson, ex-vice chancellor of the University of the South, and dean of the theological department, died suddenly yesterday.

Aycock Got It.

WASHINGTON, Sept 12.—The President has nominated Chas. B. Aycock, United States attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina.

No Yellow Jack Anywhere.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 12.—The quarantine against Brunswick and Pensacola has been raised.

The season's English and domestic woollens are in with us and we have the correct patterns as well for gentlemen's suitings. Schartle, the tailor.

When you want a good meal go to the Mountain Gem Restaurant. Oysters any style.

You can always get good beef by going to W. M. Hill & Co.'s.