

SEVERE STORM WORKS HAVOC AT DANVILLE

Danville, Va., June 18.—A cyclonic wind, rain and electrical storm swept over this city this afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock inflicting damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$250,000, chiefly in the unroofing and flooding of cotton mills, tobacco factories storage plants, destruction of trees and shrubbery, chimneys, awnings, porches, telegraph and telephone and electric transmission poles and wires. The trolley service of the city was suspended and will be tied up for twenty-four hours. The entire telephone service of the city is out of commission and the city is isolated.

The heaviest damage to buildings was in the business section. The storm came suddenly from west northwest. Main street, noted for its heavy shade of old oaks, elms and maples, some of them of gigantic dimensions, was a scene of desolation. The broad residence thoroughfares were blocked at many points by prostrated trees, the telephone and trolley wires and poles. Hundreds of the oldest and largest shade trees, the pride of the city, were delimited, torn and uprooted, and filled lawns and streets with wreckage. This heavy shade, however, saved the best residence section by the resistance they offered to the storm.

The White mill of the Riverside Cotton Mill Company, was unroofed and the automatic sprinklers set going, flooding the building and inflicting heavy loss of stock and machinery.

The tobacco factory of John E. Hughes & Co., was unroofed and the stock badly damaged. The factory of E. K. Jones & Co., leaf tobacco, was unroofed and heavy damage done to the stock.

The Danville Wagon Company's plant on Craighead street was unroofed and partly wrecked. A brick tower on Acree's tobacco warehouse was hurled into the street.

One of the factories of Dibrell Bros., leaf tobacco, was partially unroofed, as was the plant of the Imperial Tobacco Company.

The plant of the Riverside Overalls Company and Millian Medicine Company on Floyd and Higg streets were unroofed and many smaller buildings in various sections were similarly damaged.

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awarded last week.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of the brides sister Mrs. J. B. Cheek of this city this morning at 7:30 when Rev. J. D. Williams performed the ceremony which united Mr. Walter Jones of Swanquarter Hyde County and Miss Ella Robertson of Saxapahaw. Miss Robinson is a loveable and accomplished young lady. She was educated for four years under Dr. Jno. A. Sampson of Raleigh after which she attended Shorter College at Rome, Ga.

Mr. Jones is a promising young attorney.

Dr. Geo. Coleman of Kinley was best man and Miss Kate Clendenin of Graham maid of honor.

A delightful reception was given the bride and groom to be Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cheek.

Elon College.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Elon College, located in our own county, which appears in this issue. This college is now entering upon its twenty second year and has made a fine record. Last year there were 240 pupils enrolled in all departments from twelve States and two countries. The College has all modern conveniences in the way of equipment and it also has a strong faculty, and the college is famous for its high moral tone. The present year's catalogue, of 112 pages, gives all necessary information and may be had free by application to the President, W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C. We will thank our readers to mention this paper in writing for further information.

Mr. N. C. Garrison of R. No. 2 is the guest of relatives in town.

DEACON CLEARS THE CHURCH WITH HIS GUN

Savannah, Ga., June 18.—A mad scramble for windows and doors interrupted the sitting of a jury of elders at the Clifton Baptist church, 5 miles from here today, when Deacon Joseph Smalls, Jr., who was on trial for card playing, drew a revolver and covered the jury and audience while he forced them to listen to his defending argument.

The hearing was moving along smoothly but applause shook the building every time a point was made against the defendant. Just before the jury began the consideration of their verdict, Smalls arose and said he was determined to give his side of the case. When he drew his revolver, he quickly cleared the house of all except the scared conference members. Flourishing his pistol, he waxed eloquent and before he knew it, two of his hearers jumped behind him and pinioned his arms, while others came to disarm him. At this point, Smalls' mother entered the church armed with a butcher knife and promised to make more trouble, but she soon was quieted. Police were called from Savannah and Smalls was taken to the station. The elders continued their session and Smalls was deposed as deacon.

FAREWELL GREETING MAY PROVE FATAL TO BRAKEMAN

Philadelphia, Pa., June 17.—A farewell greeting to a girl friend nearly cost the life of Thomas Hoffman, of Wilmington, Del., a Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, when he fell from a train at Frankford Junction today. With three ribs and left shoulder broken Hoffman lies in a serious condition at the Frankford hospital.

The brakeman was "making up" a long freight train when Dorothy Benner, of Frankford, whom, it is said, he is soon to marry, appeared on the station platform.

"Good by, Tommy," she called as the train swept by. Hoffman looked back and waved his hand, as he did so the train gave a sudden lunge forward and he was hurled to the ground. The girl was the first to reach him. He was unconscious. The brakemen in the caboose heard her cry and went to her assistance. At the hospital it was stated that Hoffman may also be internally injured.

Prof. Robertson Endorsed.

Burlington, N. C., June 19. State Dispatch:

Several weeks ago I noticed an article by Mr. Hoffman placing Prof. Robertson before the people as a man suitable for the superintendency of our county schools. Upon hearing that Dr. Fleming will not be a candidate for the place this year, I would like to say a word endorsing Prof. Robertson. I was in college with him and I know him, I suppose, as well as anybody around here does, for in college a man shows what he is.

While in college Prof. Robertson was a good steady student. He was not the book-worm we sometimes hear about, but he was a young man who had the time to take advantage of the various sides of college life. He was not one of those who thought that college life was only to get and recite lessons, but he was a student who, beside getting and reciting lessons, took an active part in the Y. M. C. A., the Literary society, and other things, thus preparing himself for a responsible place.

Pro. Robertson has proved himself to be an excellent teacher, a man of pluck and push, and a Christian gentleman, and hence, I think, would prove himself happily chosen as Superintendent of our County Schools.

G. C. Singletary.

FOR RENT—Seven room cottage, convenient to the business section of the city, good water and electric lights. Rent reasonable. Apply to R. W. INGLE.

BANK CASHIER SHORT TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Rocky Mount, June 15.—Luther V. Hart, cashier of the State Bank of Tarboro, shot a bullet into his brain late yesterday, and E. R. Hussey, assistant cashier, was arrested following the discovery of an alleged shortage of more than \$50,000 in the accounts of the institution, where they were employed. State Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton is in charge of what assets remain and the bank has been closed. Both Hart and Hussey are members of prominent families, and the affair has created a tremendous sensation throughout this section.

The State Bank of Tarboro is capitalized at \$25,000. It was reported to have \$20,000 surplus and \$6,000 undivided profits. Deposits amount to more than \$200,000. The institution was considered one of the soundest in this section of the State.

Business was being conducted as usual yesterday morning when the State examiner, Mr. Doughton, appeared on one of his regular visits. An hour later it is said, Mr. Doughton made some alarming discoveries, and at once wired C. V. Brown, his assistant to hurry to Tarboro.

Cashier Hart left for home at his regular luncheon hour. On the way he met a business acquaintance and made an engagement for the afternoon. On his arrival at home he greeted the members of his family as usual, and went to his room. Shortly afterward the members of the household were startled by the report of a revolver. They rushed to Hart's room and found him unconscious and dying. He breathed his last at 4 o'clock without regaining his senses. The bullet fired into the right temple passed through his head. His wife was the first in the room after he shot himself.

Shortly after the suicide Hussey was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. He was subsequently released on \$15,000 bail, the sheriff of Edgecombe county furnishing the bond. Both Hart and Hussey are alleged to have been concerned in the reported misappropriation.

Hart was thirty-five years old. He is related to several of the most prominent families in Eastern North Carolina. Besides his wife, two sons survive.

PRISONERS BURNED TO DEATH IN THEIR CELL

Philadelphia, June 16.—As the result of a fire in the cell they occupied in the Eastern penitentiary, in this city, James Dougherty died today from inhaling flames, and James Crowley is in the prison hospital so badly burned that he is not expected to live.

At the penitentiary it was said that on Wednesday night the guards were aroused by cries coming from the cell occupied by the men, and when the small apartment was opened it was found full of flame and smoke. The two men lay unconscious.

Good conduct prisoners at the penitentiary are permitted to smoke, and it is believed the bed clothing became ignited from a match or spark from a pipe.

New Machine and Engine Shops.

A deal has been closed by The Holt Engine Co., of this city and J. Thompson & Son, Machinists of Haw River in which their shops have been purchased and will be moved to this city, provided the Holt Engine Co., are able to sell the \$20,000 worth of stock now being solicited.

All additional machinery will be added necessary for the building of the Holt Engine, automobile repairing and the doing of a general repair machine shop business.

Mr. Thompson is a first class machinist and the Holt Engine Co. is fortunate in securing his service.

Children's Day will be observed at the Reformed Church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

AVALON COTTON MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Greensboro, June 15.—Fire early tonight destroyed the Avalon cotton mill at Mayodan, Rockingham county, entailing a loss of probably \$250,000 or more. The fire originated in the machinery room, but no one knows just how it started, or how it was caused. The blaze was discovered about 7 or 8 o'clock and it had already made too much progress to be handled by the inadequate fire fighting facilities. A large crowd of operatives of the mills gathered about and witnessed the fire fiend, powerless to stay its ravages. The mill was burned to the ground and is practically a total loss.

The Avalon mill was built about twelve years ago and had been a most successful enterprise. The company was incorporated at \$209,000, but the property was worth more than that at the time of the fire. It produced cotton yarns and was about 25,000 spindles capacity. W. C. Ruffin is secretary, treasurer and manager of the company and F. H. Fries of Winston-Salem is president. The mill employed nearly 400 people.

TWO MEN FALL 25 FEET FROM ROOF SCAFFOLD

Fayetteville, June 17.—Two slaters fell from the roof of the Atlantic Coast Line depot this afternoon, a distance of twenty-five feet. The scaffold gave way. One of the men, F. T. Harris, was very badly hurt, the scaffold falling on him and the slate cutting a terrible gash across his face.

H. A. Tolson, the other man, was only slightly hurt, as he jumped and landed on his hands and knees. Dr. J. V. McGoughan, was quickly on the scene and conveyed the wounded man to the hospital where he was found to be badly bruised and injured.

FUN, FUN, AND STILL MORE FUN

Come to Burlington on the Fourth. The best programme for fun ever planned will be given. Every body is cordially welcome and will be given amusements as never before.

The programme giving the many attractions will give you an idea what we have for you.

Don't fail to read the entire programme and get in the float.

BANDITS USE CHLOROFORM TO ROB SLEEPING ITALIANS

Erie, Pa., June 16.—Six armed bandits at 2 o'clock this morning visited the camp of laborers employed on the Bessemer road, near Erie, and, after chloroforming 20 or more of the men, escaped with over \$2,000, which represented the lifetime savings of many of the workmen. Two posses are tonight scouring the country in search of the bandits.

There are about 50 of the laborers living at the camp, many of them being foreigners. Yesterday was their pay day. Many of the workmen, after receiving their pay, left for their homes in Erie and Pittsburgh, leaving behind at the camp about 24 of their fellow workmen.

About 2 o'clock this morning six men, their faces concealed by masks and carrying revolvers, quietly entered the camp. The first man they robbed happened to be awake. When he tried to give an alarm he was struck over the head with the butt end of a pistol and rendered unconscious. The thieves went from shanty to shanty, pouring chloroform on the pillows of the men's beds. Then the bandits took their time in rifling their trunks and clothing of all they possessed. The police say that the bandits escaped with about \$2,205. There is no clue for the police to work on.

EDITOR TRADE JOURNAL PASSES AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, June 15.—Delegates to the annual convention of the North Carolina Retail Furniture Dealers Association were shocked this afternoon, when announcement was made just before adjournment was made that death had claimed Wilbur Jones, of High Point, editor of the Southern Furniture Journal.

Mr. Jones was here attending the sessions. He was in good health yesterday and went for a drive over the Biltmore estate. This morning he went for a stroll and when near the Mission hospital he collapsed. He was taken into the hospital and complained of a pain in his side.

He died shortly after noon. The remains will be shipped to High Point tomorrow afternoon accompanied by a committee from the association.

MONEY IN HAND FOR CLEVELAND MONUMENT

Newark, N. J., June 15.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Cleveland Monument association held here today it was announced that the actual work of constructing the memorial tower at Princeton to commemorate the love and deeds of Grover Cleveland would be underway within a few weeks. Former United States Senator John F. Dryden, chairman of the committee, stated that all the money was in hand, complete plans and specifications are prepared and that the contract would soon be awarded.

TOUGHS SLAY MAN ON STREET OF NEW YORK

New York, June 16.—For years cheerful old William Bley, who played the French horn in Hammerstein's Theatre orchestra and was one of the best liked musicians of this city, staded the Paddy's market gang, a bunch of non-working young thugs who hung along Thirty-eighth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, to growler money. Each morning as he wended his way home he would produce the needed coins to fill the big pail with the beer the crowd wanted. Yesterday, however, one of the gang struck on old friend of Bley's, and he swore he was through with the crowd. So when he was asked for "the price" today he warmly denounced the gang.

Despite his many kindnesses one of the crowd a powerful young bully felled the old man with a fearful blow on the jaw and another kicked him on the head as he fell. Bley was dead when the police arrived, and detectives are now seeking his assailants.

EXPLOSION ON THE MAINE WROUGHT TERRIBLE HAVOC

Havana, June 16.—Despite the fact that the partial exposure to view of the wreck of the battleship Maine shows the hull to be in much worse damaged condition than supposed, Major Ferguson, of the engineering force, announced today that this would hardly make it necessary to change plans for the removal of the wreck.

A depth of more than ten feet was reached today in the work of pumping water from the cofferdam. Every recession of the water shows more terribly the effects of the explosion, although nothing has yet been found to indicate conclusively the nature of the explosion. The searchers expect to enter the officers' quarters in the after superstructure tomorrow.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scoggins was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery Friday.

FIND COAT AND HAT ON BANK OF CREEK

Richmond, Va., June 15.—What appears to be irrefutable evidence of suicide was found here this morning by Private Detective Gee of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. While walking along the banks of the Shockoe Creek, Detective Gee came upon a neatly folded coat with a hat placed carefully on top of it.

The man had taken pains to conceal his identity, the name of the maker being removed from both hat and coat and the pockets of the coat emptied of everything save an application blank for a position on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The blank had not been filled out, however, and this single clue furnishes little upon which to establish the man's identity. Captain Barfoot, to whom a report of the finding of the coat and hat was at once made, has started a rigid examination of all the circumstances for further evidence. In the absence of any note or message the police are endeavoring to find the makers or sellers of the discovered garments.

MAN KILLED AT KINGS MOUNTAIN IDENTIFIED

Kings Mountain, June 15.—The remains of the unknown man who was found dead on the Southern Railway track near here Sunday and buried here Monday by the railroad, were dug up today and identified as those of Mr. John Sellars of Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Sellars followed the trade of painter and blacksmith. The remains were in such condition that the identification was hard to establish, but, by the clothes that he had on and a key that was found on him, the identity was made positive. The remains will be shipped to Spartanburg this afternoon for burial. Mr. Sellars left Spartanburg sometime Saturday night, but it is not known on what train. Exactly how his death occurred will probably never be known.

My Opinion.

It is only a short time before the County Board of Education of Alamance County meets for the election or appointment of a County Superintendent of Schools, and having been engaged in teaching and being deeply interested in the education of the children of Alamance County, I desire to express my opinion of Prof. J. B. Robertson who is a candidate for that responsible position.

I believe there is no man in Alamance County who is better qualified and who will, if elected, make a better man for the position than Prof. J. B. Robertson, being personally acquainted with him I know he is a man of sterling qualities, a man who is a graduate of the State University and a man who has been active as a teacher, having devoted all, or a greater part of his time in the noble work ever since his graduation. He is a man who has worked hard and knows the needs of the common people, and no man deserves more honor than he.

He is destined to become one of the great educators of North Carolina. And let me say in conclusion to the County Board of Education that I believe that I voice the sentiments of all fair minded Committees, Teachers, and Patrons in Patterson and Coble Townships and a majority of all of Alamance County when I say that we want Prof. J. B. Robertson for County Superintendent of Schools in Alamance County.

Very Respectfully,
S. J. Buckner.

Rev. G. L. Reynolds, Principal of Denton High School, Denton, N. C., was in the city Sunday the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Williams, and preached an able sermon at the M. P. church Sunday night on "The Ideal Christian."