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BADLY DAMAGED.

The Furniture Stock of Bell, Harris & Co., Wetted By a Deficient Roof—The Damage Can Not Be Estimated.

Without seeing one can hardly estimate the damage that Messrs Bell, Harris & Co., furniture dealers, have sustained by the rain and freeze Wednesday night.

The greater portion of the upper story of the building is wet. The furniture both upstairs and downstairs is wet from continual dripping during the night.

The ordinary wood furniture is of course damaged besides the upholstered work. Several of their fine couches are saturated with water.

When Mr. Bell opened the store several inches of water were on the floor at the front door, it having run out under the door.

The cause is, of course, the deficient roofing, together with the rain and freeze of that night. Scarcely any snow was found on the roof, a large amount of it having melted Wednesday.

As for the damage done the stock, this can not be told. The furniture will all have to be rubbed considerably. As for the upholstered work this can not be remedied.

One of the firm, when asked what he thought the loss would be, said "that he would not have had it to happen for \$1,500 cash."

A Wonderful Clock.

Prof. H N Miller will at an early day install a clock in Mont Amœna Seminary only a little less wonderful than the great clock at Strasburg, but probably more applicable to modern uses.

Besides the ordinary time keeping this clock will operate a system of electric call bells by which, with a system of wires connecting, he can have the girls called from any room to fill one or any number of programs as the different departments of school demand.

Having once determined the school programs for the departments and set the machinery it will announce by a ring of the bell at the same instant for all the rooms in each department and, without any confusion, will announce the program differently in other rooms as the department to which the girls belong demands. At the closing hour it ceases to call but takes up its task next morning again. So, on Friday evening it knocks off till Monday morning.

It will thus automatically carry on the calls for the session or sessions till there is a change manipulated, with nothing to do but wind the clock once a week.

There is but one thing that it refuses to do it seems. It will not have the time divided into smaller periods than five minutes. The minutes of time must be divisible by five.

This modern wonder is called Fricks Automatic program clock. Dr. Miller is to be congratulated on being among the first to secure this very progressive equipment.

Dr. Miller's Pain Pills are guaranteed to stop headache in 20 minutes. One cent a dose.

A WET TIME.

Houses Leaking Badly—Some Goods in Stores Damaged—The Large Pipe at Fetzer's Tank Bursts.

Thursday morning was a surprise morning to scores of our people. Many roofs proved insufficient to keep out the fine snow, and by the rising of of the temperature made it a wet time for a number of business houses, besides the leaking of a large number of dwelling houses.

Besides Bell, Harris & Co.'s damages other buildings come in for their share of leakage.

Quite an amount of Miss Mary Brachen's spring millinery goods are badly damaged. When she opened her store an inch or two of water stood on part of her floor, having soaked some of her goods that were packed away in pasteboard boxes. Her loss is at least \$300 and very probably more.

The New South Club room is badly damaged. The plastering overhead is ruined besides the saturating of the carpet in the one room. The Phifer hall adjoining is wet considerably, it having dripped through into Dayvault's store slightly.

Cook's photograph gallery is badly damaged, his negatives and prints being ruined. The Morris building leaked considerably in several places.

The Times office contained an inch or two of water on its floor, damaging things somewhat.

The rear of Swink & White's store leaked quite much, damaging their stock somewhat.

Besides all this, and after the people had realized the state of affairs, the large pipe from Mr. Fetzer's tank on top of the rear of the drug store burst, flooding the back lot considerably and putting several inches of water in the basement of the drug store.

Dr. Marsh, one of our druggists, also has trouble. A number of bottles of shoe polish froze then burst, ruining some of his stock.

Seventeen Were Burned.

A breaking out of fire has been one of the most dreadful contemplations during the cold weather. Fortunately not many fires have occurred, but at Yankton, South Dakota, a building in which the insane were cared for took fire Sunday and 17 of the unfortunates were lost in the flames. With the thermometer 23 degrees below zero, the water supply was unavailable.

So Early Vegetables this Year.

The Florida truck and vegetable crop is said to be totally destroyed. A severe loss to the planters is sustained and no little discouragement seems to be felt. The express and railroad companies are moving to hurry a supply of seeds to be furnished free of cost to the planters.

Another Seagull Captured.

Only a few days after Mr. Monroe Ritchie shot a seagull the other week, Mr. Henry Vanderburg, of Cannonville, captured one. Mr. Vanderburg only crippled his enough to catch it, and was trying to save its life, but it died from its wounds. He had intended to name it.

CAPT. SECHLER DEAD.

Passes Away Suddenly Tuesday Night of Heart Disease.

We learn, with sympathetic emotions, that Capt. Jackson Sechler, of China Grove, died suddenly at 2 o'clock Tuesday night.

He had been afflicted with heart disease of smothering symptoms. His son was with him in the room and seeing unfavorable symptoms called his mother, but life was extinct before she arrived.

The remains were buried at Mt. Zion Reformed church today (Thursday) the 16th.

Mr. Sechler served in the Confederate struggle as captain in the 57th regiment. He was esteemed in military as well as in civil life.

He had attained to about 68 years of age.

His son, Jackson, is now in Cuba in Capt. Hill's company.

He leaves a widow and a number of children in bereavement.

Another Death at China Grove.

While receiving by telephone the particulars of Mr. Jackson Sechler's death at China Grove, we were informed also of the death of Mr. Arant, who lives just out of China Grove at Mr. Will Goodnight's. The cause of his death was pneumonia. He had reached the age of about 50 or 60 years. He died about 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Souvenirs Sent From Cuba.

A nice collection of curios is to be seen now at Dr. Fetzer's Drug store. Quite a number of photographs taken in and around Havana are in the collection, showing the beautiful side of Cuba and also the dark side. In the number is a photo of the place where the bones of human bodies are cast after the flesh has decomposed. The fancy work of the Cubans can also be seen. A machete, the weapon of war, is among the exhibit, also a Spanish sword.

It is a nice collection of curios and one of which the owner should be justly proud.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Rev. J Q Wertz, of China Grove, spent yesterday here.

—Miss Lucy Montgomery is expected home from Monroe tomorrow.

—Messrs. G T Crowell, A M Brown and R A Brown are at Lexington today attending the sale of Mr. Baxter Shemwell's horses.

—Mr. T B Rice, who once was in the merchandising business here and who is doing business at Greensboro, spent last night here.

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