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## THURSDAY'S AWFUL STORM.

### Concord Suffers the Worst Blow in Her History.

Rain in Torrents With Hail and Thunder Strike Terror to the Timid.

Odell's, Cannon's and the Lippard Cotton Mills Suffer Severe Losses—St. Andrews E. L. Church Goes Down in Irretrievable Ruin—D. P. Dayvault & Bro's Clothing Flooded—The Rich House Greatly Damaged—Mr. Bigger's Horse Killed By Live Wire—Trees Wrenched and Ruined.

Thursday evening as night approached the heavens displayed little to cause misgivings, though balmy weather was not promised. Soon, the rumbling thunder in the northeast became a little ominous and the sheet lightning became more threatening. Withal it was hoped that no fear of evil would be realized. About 8 o'clock, the clouds loomed up more fearfully and quickly the rain, with considerable hail, suddenly dashed upon the town with terrific force, playing with strong buildings as the child would break its toys.

#### ODELL'S MILLS.

Probably the first great damage in the path was suffered at the Odell cotton mills. Here in Mill No. 4 a section of wall constituting about half the north wall 18x20 was dashed in. The other section would probably have gone in but a stout post near caught it and held it. This section can be sprung back and held firmly.

The falling wall ruined a slubber and greatly damaged another, beside the dust and grit were thrown all over the room. The wind tore through one window on the opposite side. As much as 60 squares of roofing was torn off of this mill.

No. 3 mill lost about 15 squares of its roof.

In Mill No. 2 the wind raised the roof with its heavy sheeting rafters, beams, etc., and the operatives saw them quiver like blowing into the leaves of a book. Nearly all of it settled down however to its place. A few beams are not properly adjusted and some of the machinery is temporarily still on account of it.

The cost of repairs to the building will be less by far than the damage to two slubbers and the immense quantities of goods on which the water poured in torrents.

#### MR. M BURRAGE IN THE PATH

Mr. J M Berrage seemed on the line and the wind took his barn and blacksmith shop snapping the timbers as feeble reeds and hurled them about. Strange as it is, all he had horses, cows, etc., to the number of some six head and not one was injured.

#### THE LIPPARD MILL.

At the Lippard Mill the wind

caught the roofing on the engine and lapper rooms and rooled it up and strewed it in bunches almost to the street.

At the southwest end the north wall was dashed in upon the spinning frames and passed out at the end, making a clear gap of all the end. Strange to say the corner was left with about an equal opening on each side. A gap of some 30 feet of the rafters hung suspended between the corner and the part on the side that stood firm.

Only a small per cent of the machinery is ruined.

#### THE SHEALEY HOUSE.

Next in the line seems to be the Mark Ritch or Shealey house now occupied by Mr. George E Fisher. A large, tall chimney top was broken off at the boxing on the back side of the house and crashed down upon the roof, breaking rafters and joists, taking more than a quarter section of the roof and bursting the ceiling, which did not quite come down. It hangs seeming ready to fall to the floor. The house was deluged at this end with water.

Mr. Claude Dry's smoke stack was partly blown down.

#### BELL & HARRIS CO. IN THE LINE

The Bell & Harris furniture store was in the line and had some roof torn up and water poured in upon their goods.

#### D P DAYVAULT & CO., SUFFER.

D P Dayvault & Co. suffered from floods of water in the clothing department.

The tin roof on the back end was rolled up and hurled over to the south side. Some of the department force was present and quickly carried the goods to the uninjured part though they got wet as water could make them.

#### ST. ANDREWS CHURCH.

As if the Divine had forgotten His own the angry storm caught St. Andrew's Lutheran church and dashed it into rubbish and kindling wood. It is the most complete wreck we ever saw and there are no words to describe it but ruin, utter ruin. It is spread out on about twice its foundation with little to remind one of any shape it ever had.

#### CANNON MILLS.

The Cannon Mill No. 1, the weave room, had just had the roofing paper laid by the Char-

lotte Roofing Co., who were ready to pitch and gravel it. This roofing was cleaned off clear and the floods beneath are easily conceived but the damage not so easily reckoned.

At No. 2 on the north wing the giant force lifted the roof, including the three inch sheeting, the rafters and the beams with their line shafts and hangers and hurled them over. Most of the wreck fell over the building and on to the ground but parts hammered great holes in the roof. The north end wall on the upper story was dashed in and even the wall below was partly wrecked. A little carpenter shop at the end was also wrecked.

In the wrecked part there are some valuable machinery such as warpers and spoolers that were among the losses to be reckoned.

In this department too the sprinkler pipes were broken off and the tank had to simply run dry through them while the floors beneath, half knee deep let the water escape slowly through whatever opening the liquid could find. The damage to this mill like that of others is hard to estimate but will run far into the thousands.

The boiler room roof also was partly unroofed.

#### HORSE KILLED.

As the Miltonian Hotel bus was going to the depot along Corbin street near the crossing of Spring street, a tree having been blown down that carried the wires with it, the horses came in contact with the abnormally charged wire. They both fell and lay trembling and helpless. Parties coming to the rescue and cutting the wires, one horse was saved but the other was found dead. It was the gentle, splendid bay horse belonging to Mr. Bigger, the proprietor, and falls as a severe loss on him.

#### THE OIL MILL DID NOT ESCAPE

There were patches of roofing on the oil mill buildings torn up but no great damage was done. The mill proper, the hull house and the ginery suffered some damage. The guttering was nearly all blown off. Superintendent Buchanan says it will cost less than \$200 to restore the damages.

#### MR. ED PARNELL CATCHES THE BREEZE.

Mr Ed Parnell has just erect-

ed a stable for livery purposes over between the Cannon and Buffalo mills. The wind caught it and wrenched it severely but left it standing and redeemable. Near this stands his cottage, which was forced off its pillars and pushed south about 3 1/2 feet. It is sharply wrenched.

#### SMALLER LOSSES OF BUILDINGS

Several small buildings, chiefly barns, belonging to Mr. M C Walter, were wrecked, as was one of Warren Coleman's tenement houses. It was unoccupied at the time. His large barn beyond the Three Mile Branch was blown down.

Many smaller outhouses about Gibson's Mill were overturned but fortunately the mill was unharmed as was the furniture factory. There the saw mill smoke stack was almost blown down as if to remind them of what might have been.

The chaingang tent was blown down.

#### TREES SUFFERED.

The venerable oak in Mr. W A Smith's yard fared badly and displays great wounds from amputated limbs.

Mr. W J Hill lost a highly prized oak in his yard, also the great tall cedar that stood near the front piazza was broken off in tough splintery form about six or eight feet above the ground.

Judge Montgomery lost a maple that he prized.

A number of trees along North Union street lost some of their symmetrical beauty as if by the hand of a reckless trimmer: The head of spring street looked like the axeman had played havoc.

Mrs. E C Leslie lost a chimney top to her beautiful residence and several favorite trees. There are other losses of very much valued trees and some wreckage not considered beside some of the greater losses.

There are a good many fences flat.

#### NOTES ON THE STORM.

Men that know how to build up large businesses are equal to emergencies. The writer was struck with the prompt action of Capt. J M Odell at having secured Mr. R A Brown by 5 o'clock this morning to make brick repairs and having all his plans well matured for the general direction of the work. Whatever others might be debating in their minds he knew what had been damaged and was not hesitating about the quickest possible way to be prepared for more bad weather again.

Mr. J B Sherrill and Mr. J C Lippard had a force of hands early at work bringing order out of chaos.

Mr. J W Cannon is out of town but there were groups of hands at work on the Cannon mill

clearing away for rebuilding at once.

Men seemed to spring forward to fill up the breaches made by the storm and business went on at early morn as though nothing had happened or as if something had happened in spots.

With all that the storm did do there is left very much more that it did not do but this one thing is worthy of mention. We failed to hear of an individual that was the least hurt. This is the silver lining.

The wildest guesses could be made on the money losses by the storm. By far the greatest is that to goods flooded in the Odell and the Cannon mills. Outside of these probably \$10,000 might be ample to cover the bill.

#### Ran Away With the Pea Parcher.

A rather ludicrous little run away occurred on the streets today (Friday) when Mr. John Smith's ground pea parcher was loaded on Mr. A M Allman's wagon and the horse concluded to take a spin. The lines became attached to the parcher so that the traces seemed to be the attraction between the horse and the wagon while the ground pea parcher phoned over the lines to that beast "I'm with you." The horse, however, made a streak and coming suddenly in contact with Mr. Eli Overcash's wagen broke connection and parted company with both. The parcher went to "smashes and smitherines" and the horse went to the St. Cloud, where he was persuaded to let up on running.

#### Notice Children of the Confederacy.

All the children who wish to take part in the "Flower Festival" will meet with Mrs. Allison very promptly at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

#### Successful Potato Raising.

James W McGee, a farmer living near Orrick, Mo., took a chance on potatoes this year and used 200 acres in raising them. His venture has proved a great winner. From seven acres alone he has taken about 2,500 bushels and he expects to sell his entire crop at 30 cents a bushel. He estimates his expenses per acre at \$13.39 and his net profits at \$12,572.—Anderson Intelligencer.

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