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MILLS AND BRIDGES WASHED AWAY BY FLOODS

PHARR'S MILL AND GARMON'S
MILL, IN NO. 1, GONE.

Several of the County's Iron Bridges Failed to Stand Attack of Flood, and Number of Wooden Bridges Are Gone.—Rocky River and Coddle Creek Five Feet Higher Than Ever Known Before.—Damage General Throughout the Country.

The terrific rains Thursday night and Friday were the heaviest known in this section in many years, and as a result several of the bridges in the county were washed away. The trestle at the new iron bridge over Cold Water creek at Mr. C. F. Smith's, in No. 11 township, several miles below the city, was swept from its moorings Friday. The bridge there is all right. The wooden bridge at the old burnt mill, in No. 11, was also swept away about 10 o'clock Friday. Notwithstanding the fact that the waters were several inches over the high fill at Cold Water creek, on the Mount Pleasant road, the bridge was not moved, and the fill withstood the attack well. Some of it was washed off, but probably 200 loads of dirt will replace the damage. The span of the bridge is 112 feet and this width of the opening for the waters is what saved it. The opening of the old bridge that was washed off four years ago was only 80 feet.

Pharr's grist mill, on Rocky River, in No. 1 township, belonging to Dr. T. F. Pharr and also the saw mill were torn from their foundations by the floods and washed away. This mill was erected in 1868. The iron bridge there is all right, but the wooden trestle is gone. The mill went away some time during last night. It simply went to pieces and was carried off by the waters. This is the only damage to any bridge on the National Highway. The Harrisburg telephone line, from Concord to Harrisburg, which goes by Pharr's mill, was put out of business.

On Upper Coddle Creek, in No. 3 township, the bridge, near Mr. Samuel Archer's, was swept away, also one over Parks' Creek, near Mr. Everett Brown's was torn loose from its fastenings.

About 100 feet of the long bridge over Coddle Creek, this side of Poplar Tent, was destroyed. The iron bridge at Patterson's mill is also gone. The iron span of this bridge was 75 feet long. The mill belonging to Mr. John Garmon below Patterson's mill and also the bridge there were washed away. This was not on a public road. Coddle Creek and Rocky River were both five feet higher than was ever known. The bridge over Irish Buffalo Creek is also gone. This is on the Zion church road. The wooden bridge over Irish Buffalo in No. 4 township at Mr. W. C. Lataker's on Turin road, was washed away.

It was reported here Saturday that the iron bridge at Mr. C. F. Smith's over Cold Water in No. 11 township had been swept away, but this was an error. Thirty feet of the wooden part of it is gone, however.

At least one third of this side of the long fill just beyond the depot is washed away, and the chain gang was put to work on it early Saturday by Superintendent Ervin. The iron bridge there stood the attack of the spring floods.

The long fill just beyond the Gibson mill was destroyed, about 300 feet of it being washed off. The chain gang had just about completed this work.

Brufford's mill bridge, six miles south of Concord, was washed away about three o'clock Friday afternoon. This was an iron bridge over Irish Buffalo.

The barn of Mr. J. D. Baugh, in No. 9 township, was blown down.

No such flood has ever been known here by the oldest inhabitant or even handed down by tradition. It will cost the county thousands of dollars to repair the damage. The damage done to farming lands will be great. The fill and bridge on East Depot street on the Salisbury road are all right, although the waters were high enough to cover them.

W. W. Morris' gin, in No. 2 township at Morris' Mill, on Coddle Creek, was lifted from its foundations and swept away Friday afternoon.

The bridge over Rocky River at Cox's Mill is all right, although the waters there were high enough to almost cover the little store house on the bank.

The large trees near it. The school house at Petrea's school house in No. 9 township, was blown over Friday morning. The teach-

er, Miss Sallie Pruitt, and 25 or 30 children were in the house at the time, though fortunately no one was hurt. The school house was 22 x 40 feet.

The fill on the Rowan road one mile from China Grove was badly damaged, about 40 feet on each side of the road being swept clean away. The bridge and abutments are all right, however. The fill that is gone was about eight feet high.

The damage on streams in this county seems to have been confined to the western and southern part.

Two lives were lost, Southern railway traffic was paralyzed, a score of county and railway bridges in the county were washed from their moorings, and thousands of dollars in property damage sustained in Greensboro and Guilford county as the result of the deluge of rain. Reports from every section are that the rainfall was the heaviest in years; that the property loss was enormous and inconvenience to traffic great.

In Guilford and Rockingham counties the deluge exacted human toll. Anna Bell, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bell, was caught in the raging torrents which surged over North Buffalo bridge across Greene street, while on her way home from school and drowned before help arrived. A negro, whose name could not be learned attempted to cross a bridge in Rockingham county and was swept away to a watery grave. Narrow escapes were reported in many places, one party it is reported attempted to cross a bridge near Greensboro just as it crumpled before the rushing waters.

The floods were general in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Cloves Ligon, cotton buyer for the deaned, and it is feared Wihrdln Enoree Manufacturing Company, at Spartanburg, was drowned, and it is feared William Pulley met with the same fate.

Aftermath of the Flood.
The account of the floods in this county as contained in Saturday's Tribune and today's Times was correct and almost complete. The Heglar's ford bridge, on Rocky River, about one mile from Georgeville, was knocked from its foundations into the river. This was the second iron bridge ever erected in the county.

The Thunderstruck bridge was moved on its pillars about 11 inches. The ends of the two spans that come together in the center were each moved about this distance. The bridge otherwise is all right.

It is reported that the bridge at Smith's Ford has been destroyed but this report lacks verification. The iron bridge at Heglar's ford was 120 feet long. It was turned completely upside down, and one end of it was washed about 60 feet down the stream. The floor of the bridge was broken loose and lodged on a sycamore tree about 300 yards down stream, about 20 feet above ordinary water.

Bost's mill was moved from its foundations and moved about 15 feet down stream, until it lodged against some trees.

Junior Order Speaking.
Cannonville Council No. 25 and Forest Hill Council No. 48 of the J. O. U. A. M. will have a public speaking at the court house here next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. C. Fink will be chairman of the meeting, and the following will be the programme:

Musie, followed by prayer by Rev. S. N. Watson.

Introduction by L. T. Hartzell. Address, "Principles of the Junior Order," Judge N. L. Eure, of Greensboro.

Musie. Introduction by J. M. Burrage. Address, "The Junior Order and Education," Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest College.

The public is cordially invited.

Will Pearson Sent to Gang.

Will Pearson, a well known colored man here, was up before the Police Justice this morning on four charges, namely: Drunkenness, cursing, resisting officer and an assault on Jim Goodman. When arrested by Policeman Benfield, he was unruly, and the officer had to give him a few whacks over the head with his billy before he could be quieted. He was given 90 days on the chain gang to meditate on his Sunday escapade. He works at the Cabarrus mill, and was arraigned about a month ago for selling whiskey.

Our China Famine Fund.

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| Previously acknowledged | \$164.83 |
| Harrisburg Presbyterian Ch. | 8.71 |
| Eighth grade Central school | 1.75 |
| Mt. Carmel church | 3.75 |
| Total to date | \$179.04 |

Mr. H. Connor Sherrill, of Charlotte, was here Saturday.

DYNAMITE MAY BE USED.

Will Require Systematic Siege to Oust Allen Gang From Devil's Den.

Hillsville, Va., March 17.—Two thousand feet above sea level, among the crags and caves of the Blue Ridge mountains, the Allen gang, who demonstrated their contempt of constituted law by a massacre of the judge, the prosecuting attorney and sheriff of Carroll county last Thursday, continued today to defy capture. The day's search by a posse of seventy-five detective and citizen volunteers demonstrated that unless the militia is sent here to begin systematic siege of the hiding places of the outlaws, they may never be brought to answer to the indictments for murder returned here yesterday.

Those who know the paths and passes of the highland and the points of vantage from which outlaws could ward off an attacking force with least hurt to themselves, say that the Allens unquestionably are concealed behind the overhanging precipices of Devil's Den, half-way between here and Mount Airy, N. C. There, with provisions and ammunition, of which it is said they have plenty, an attacking force would find the aim of the Allens deadly. Some think it may be necessary to dynamite the mountain citadels.

(Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, with a bullet in his left cheek and bandage across his face, showed the folks today just how it happened. He rehearsed the scene with vivid detail, even to placing the bullet-seared chairs which were occupied by Judge Massie, Sheriff Webb and Commonwealth's Attorney Foster.

A row of bullet holes low on the right-hand wall were added evidence of the tragedy. A shattered rail in front of the judge's bench also showed the effect of the fusillade, and upon the floor was the discoloration of blood. Clerk Goad showed how Attorney Foster, after being fatally shot, staggered and dropped his head upon a sheepskin volume of the law. A dark coat of blood on the book was mute evidence.

Andrew Howlett and Stuart Worrell, both bystanders wounded at Thursday's assassination, today rested easily. One has a bullet in the leg and the other was shot in his side. Jurymen Columbus Kane, who was wounded in the abdomen and most seriously injured of all, may die, which will bring the death list to six.

Contrary to earlier reports, the telephone wires throughout this section have not been cut by the Allens or anyone else. Communication from the outside world has been difficult in the last two days principally because of the heavy outflow of press dispatches, which are being telephoned from here to Barren Springs and being telegraphed from there.

Jasper Allen, known as Jack, who is a brother of Sidna and Floyd, but who is said not to have been involved in the tragedy, made a statement tonight on behalf of the Allens. At his home, 7 miles from Hillsville, he said:

"I am greatly surprised and shocked at what has happened. I do not think my brothers had made any plot or plans. When I saw Sidna the night of the shooting, he told me he knew nothing of any trouble beforehand, and was himself surprised when the shooting began in the courtroom. "I do not believe my relatives will give themselves up, for I am not sure that they would bet a fair trial in Carroll county. My brother Sidna was wounded when he passed my home Thursday night and was alone. I do not know where he has gone and have received no word from him since. I shall not try to advise them about giving themselves up. They must do as they think best."

United States Revenue Agents Weaver and Hendricks returned from Hillsville tonight. They passed Sidna Allen's house Thursday afternoon after the shooting and saw him there. The officers had heard of the tragedy, but did not know Sidna Allen had been implicated in it. They are perhaps the last persons outside members of the clan to have seen Sidna Allen.

EIGHT MEMBERS OF ALLEN GANG INDICTED.

Four True Bills in Each Case Charging Murder.—The Death List Swelled, Juror Fowler Died Yesterday.—Prisoners Carried to Roanoke.

Hillsville, Va., March 16.—The machinery of the law adjusted itself in Carroll county today when a special grand jury, summoned yesterday by Judge Staples, returned indictments for murder against eight members of the Allen outlaw band who shot and killed the judge, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and a girl witness in the Hillsville court room on Thursday. One more victim was added to the list when Juror Augustus Fowler died this afternoon. This brings the total number of dead up to five.

Cheerful to a degree and apparently recovering from his wounds, Floyd Allen, directly charged with the murder of Judge Thornton L. Massie, went tonight under heavy guard to Roanoke, where he will be placed in jail for safe keeping. His son Victor, and Byrd Marion, jointly indicted, went with him to Roanoke jail. The prisoner, whose sentence for a minor crime, led to the wholesale murder of court officers, did not seem to be worried or alarmed over the situation. He reclined in a hack which was driven across heavy mountain roads to Galax, where the party boarded a special train. The other prisoners remained in the Carroll county jail, a heavy guard standing by during the night.

The special term of court was adjourned to March 26, at which time the prisoners will be put on trial. State troops will be sent here to preserve order and to prevent a repetition of that tragic event which wiped out the entire court. All members of the Allen band arrested in the meantime will be sent to Roanoke.

There was stillness in the courtroom when the grand jury returned and the wounded clerk took the indictments from the hand of the foreman. He read the names of the following against whom true bills were presented:

Floyd, Sidney Edwards, a nephew Swanson Allen (named for United States Senator Swanson, of Virginia) Sidna Allen, Friel Allen, Wesley Edwards and Bud Marion. Each was indicted on four separate counts. There was also an indictment against John F. Moore, who assisted the Allens to escape.

With the thanks of the court, the jury was dismissed and then Judge Staples announced that the cases would be called for trial on March 26.

Under the leadership of Sidna Allen, brother of Floyd Allen, who was erroneously reported to have been captured, with Claude Allen (a son of Floyd), Sidney Edwards, (a nephew of Floyd Allen, and Freeman Allen, a son of Jack Allen, as lieutenants, and at least a score of heavily armed followers, the Allens have been reported at Devil's Den, a natural fortress in the Blue Ridge mountains on the North Carolina-Virginia border.

Here, failing to hold their position against the law officers of Virginia, they will be able to retreat to North Carolina and find asylum there until they are able to recruit their strength and make a new stand. This mode of defiance of State authorities has been practiced in these mountains since the Civil War.

In their retreat into the smoky heights of the Blue Ridge the Allens cut all telephone wires leading to the mountains and effectually cut off all communication. The only word that has leaked out on the other side of the ridge in North Carolina by the "underground" system of communication which has been a puzzle to all but the natives since the mountains declared their independence of revenue laws and began their 50-year defense against invasion.

Rumors of clashes between the Allens and posses; of desperate battles in which Sidna Allen was wounded defending his mountain castle, concentered and looped holes; and his wife, a veritable fury, shot dead while firing across her husband's body, and of other striking encounters, have found circulation from the towns and cities anywhere within reach of the Blue Ridge country which have been besieged for news, and these reports have been sent back to this town, the scene of the raid by the Allens.

Not a word of them is true. There has not been a shot fired by the Allens or the authorities since the parting volley of defiance as the free members of the Allen clan who had participated in the battle of the court rode out of this little town Thursday morning.

The Allens, back in their native caves and passes of the Blue Ridge, have made their stand. It may be days or weeks before the pursuing posses guided by feudist enemies of the hard fighting Allens, find their retreat. But when they do it will be like walking into a hornet's nest and many more lives will probably be sacrificed in the vengeance of the law for Thursday's fatal raid on the courthouse here.

The Speaking Fest.

The following schools have accepted the invitation to take part in a Speaking Fest at Central school next Friday night: Rimer, Kannapolis, Sunderland Hall, Rocky River, Harrisburg, Jackson Training School and Winecoff. Quite an interesting programme has been arranged and everybody is cordially invited. The exercises will begin promptly at eight o'clock. Let everybody wait for the Speaking Fest.

Mrs. Morrison Feltzer, who had been visiting Mrs. P. B. Feltzer, left yesterday for Pittsburg, Pa., to visit her parents, after which she will return to her home in California.

CYCLONE IN NOS. 9 AND 10.

Many Outhouses Blown Down, and Thousands of Feet of Timber Destroyed.

A terrific cyclone passed over part of No. 10 township about 12:30 o'clock last Friday. The wind unroofed all the buildings on Mr. F. E. White's place except his residence. On the place of Mr. W. B. Boger, out cotton weigher, all his out buildings were blown down, and also a lot of fine timber, about 50,000 feet, was destroyed.

In No. 9 township the effects of the cyclone were equally disastrous. A dwelling on Mr. George Rice's place occupied by a tenant was blown down and the wife of the tenant was hurt. All Mr. Rice's out houses were blown down.

All the houses on Mr. J. D. Baugh's place except his residence were blown over.

A house on Mr. Lentz's place was blown into Adams' Creek and washed down the stream.

The barn on Mr. Adam Furr's place was unroofed. Many thousands of feet of good timber were destroyed.

Fire at Mr. R. K. Black's.

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the fire alarm was turned in from Mr. R. K. Black's residence. Fire was seen issuing from the southern end of the house by Mr. Claude Ramsaur's cook, who at once notified Mrs. Black. A number of the boys from the tenth grade at the graded school gave prompt assistance and had the fire under control with the yard hose when the fire company appeared a few minutes later.

It was at first thought that the fire was caused by a rat and a match, but it was later discovered that it was caused by the displacement of a brick on one side of the fire-place. When the fire was made in the grate this morning the flames ignited the wood-work between the ceilings, and burned slowly for several hours before it was discovered.

All the furniture in the two front rooms and one rear room was removed and of course considerable damage was done to it. Part of the plastered wall was knocked in to reach the fire.

Death of Mrs. Jno. S. Turner.

The many friends in the county of Mrs. Jno. S. Turner, of No. 10 township, will regret to learn of her death, which occurred at her home about 11 o'clock last Saturday. She was sick only a short time, and her death was the result of heart trouble. She was 68 years of age, and is survived by her husband, seven sons and two daughters, namely: Messrs. J. F. William and S. B. Turner, of Winsboro, Texas; Messrs. J. E. E. C. Walter and Paul Turner, of No. 10, Mrs. J. F. Chaney, of No. 10, and Mrs. J. R. Klutz, of No. 9 township.

Mrs. Turner was a good woman, and for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church. The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Brady, and the interment was made at Love's Chapel.

Sunday School Rally at McKinnon Church.

The Sabbath school rally at McKinnon church last night, composed of the McKinnon, Forest Hill Methodist and the A. R. P. was a treat to those able to get in. The exercises were fine. A Successful Sabbath, was discussed by superintendents of McKinnon and A. R. P. schools.

Responsibility of the Child, Teacher and Church Members, was discussed by Revs. Harley, Robbins and Thomas and then the Model Class, the entire audience, was constituted into one class and Miss Eva Rupert of Albemarle took charge. It was a rare treat to hear her explanation and application of that lesson to individual hearts and lives, and great good will come from last night's gathering.

Col. Alfred Moore Waddell Dead.

Wilmington, N. C., March 17.—The entire community was shocked and saddened tonight upon the announcement of death of Col. Alfred Moore Waddell, one of Wilmington's most distinguished citizens, who passed away suddenly at his home on North Fifth street at 6 o'clock in the afternoon and grew steadily worse until the end. He was in his usual good health up to the hour and was at his office as usual Saturday.

Mr. M. F. Ritchie's Condition.

The condition of Mr. M. F. Ritchie, who was shot three weeks ago today, and who has since been in the Salisbury hospital, is most encouraging. He is now able to sit up and to take solid food. He has many friends here who will be glad to know he is getting along so well, and to know that his complete recovery is expected.

Mr. T. L. Ross and family, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in Concord.

HOG PENS ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CITY.

Vote of Board a Tie and Mayor Wagoner Votes to Rescind Ordinance Against Them.

It has always been a fact that no legislature has ever found itself brave enough to pass a dog law, the sentiment "love me, love my dog," being too strong for any considerable number of legislators to withstand. It seems that his majesty, the hog, can now take his place beside the dog, at least so far as the city law makers here are concerned.

A few weeks ago the board of city aldermen, with only one dissenting vote (that of Mr. C. H. Hamner) passed an ordinance putting hog pens here under the ban, to take effect May 1. At once a most determined opposition arose, and the aldermen were threatened with political annihilation if they did not vote to rescind this action. Petitions were gotten up, and last night Attorney Means presented to the board at its special meeting the signatures of 647 voters who were eternally opposed to the ordinance.

Mr. Means made a vigorous speech in their behalf, and was followed on the same line by Messrs. R. A. McGraw and John Howard. Mayor Wagoner and Mr. J. W. B. Long expressed themselves in favor of the ordinance. It was then moved by Alderman Jno. W. Propst that the aldermen rescind their previous action. When a vote was taken Messrs. Propst, Bruton and Barrier voted for the motion and Messrs. Cannon, Brown and King in opposition to it, thus making a tie. Mayor Wagoner, the matter being up to him, stated that he was opposed to allowing hog pens in the city, but that in deference to the wishes of the large number of voters he would vote for the motion to retain the hog pens.

Flood Now a Past Event.

Washington, March 17.—The heavy rains and high winds which have wrought damage in the South have subsided and generally fair weather in the disturbed section is promised during the next several days.

While railroad traffic has been resumed, schedules are belated and connections are reached in many instances only by crossing and recrossing roundabout lines.

Traffic over the Southern Railway trestle at Haw River near Greensboro, N. C., was resumed tonight, having been suspended since Friday. The first mail from the North reached Greensboro tonight. Trains are moving, although slowly, over the line between Danville, Va., and Salisbury, N. C. Although traffic is moving on the Winston branch, trains cannot get through to Mount Airy before tomorrow.

Dr. Pharr's Will Filed.

Statesville, March 16.—The will of the late Dr. W. W. Pharr, of Mooresville, for fifty years the pastor of the Center Presbyterian church and one of the best known Presbyterian ministers of the South, has been filed in the office of the clerk of the court here this week. His estate is worth about fifteen thousand dollars. The will, which was made in January of 1908, leaves all his property to be divided equally between his five children, with the exception of a few minor bequests. Only four children survive him. Mr. James Moore Pharr, of Charlotte, having died several months ago. Mrs. Peter Marshall Brown, of Charlotte, is one of the daughters.

No Trains For Nearly Three Days.

Train No. 29 was the first through train from the north to arrive in Concord since Thursday night. This came in Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. For nearly two days the city was without northern mail. The main trouble was at Haw River trestle between Greensboro and Reidsville. The trestle was washed away and the tracks were submerged for a mile, making it impossible to transfer passengers, mail and express. No through trains came in from the south either, and the only trains we had were the locals between Charlotte and Greensboro. The damage to the tracks was repaired by Sunday morning and trains run over.

Village Entirely Under the Water.

Charlotte, N. C., March 16.—Passengers on the Southern Railway arriving at Lexington tonight report that the village of High Rock, this county, is entirely under water as the result of Friday's rains and the people face serious conditions. While the train was held up there by the flood a ferry boat with the lone ferryman aboard was swept down the Yadkin river, the many crying for help but none was available. A report from Newsom, the next station east, says that the boat passed that place later, borne by the raging torrent with the ferryman still calling for help. His fate is unknown.

Miss Nan Archibald spent Sunday in Albemarle.