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1100 Die In Tornado Death, Wreck and Ruin the Fate of Omaha District.

Collapse of Theater Building Adds to Horrors

Associated Press Dispatch.
Omaha, chief city of Nebraska, storm wrecked and fire swept, was so effectively cut off from the remainder of the world this morning that only meager details of the death and damage could be obtained. Brief dispatches forced through by devious routes, indicated that between 100 and 300 persons perished and hundreds of others injured. Special trains and ambulances are rushing to the scene. Early last evening a series of equinoctial gales of varying intensity began sweeping through the Missouri valley and middle west, leaving ruin in their path. At least six states sustained heavy damage. Terre Haute, Ind., reports a death list in that vicinity which may reach 50. Towns in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri were affected.

Wire communication with Omaha was broken shortly after 6 o'clock last evening and since that time only a few despatches could be sent over round-about routes. That the city and suburbs sustained great damage is certain. One of the despatches received via Lincoln described the path of the tornado as being "eight miles long and from four to six blocks wide." United States troops from Fort Omaha were immediately called out, it was said, and the stricken zone put under practical martial law.

The National Red Cross has volunteered its services for the injured and Governor Morehead of Nebraska left Lincoln early today personally to aid in the relief work. Railroad bridges are down; however, and train schedules demoralized. Hysterical passengers arriving at Lincoln from Omaha were unable to give any connected account of the disaster except to say that the residential portion of the city suffered most.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—One hundred are dead, twice as many more injured, some fatally, by a tornado which devastated Omaha and its environs early last night. It demoralized telegraph and telephone service and cut Omaha off from communication with the outside world. Property damage will amount to hundreds of thousands. The tornado swept in from the southwest and zigzagged to the north east over the residence portion of the city, leaving in its wake destruction and carnage from two to four blocks wide.

Fire sprang up all over this area and added to the horror of the twister.

Eleven hundred Dead Reported.
Des Moines, Ia., March 24.—(Bulletin, 8:30 a. m.)—Eleven hundred dead in Omaha was the estimate the storm disaster unofficially received by a telegraph railroad operator by daylight this morning.

Chicago, March 24.—The Nebraska state troops have been ordered out by the governor to preserve order and prevent looting at Omaha. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Rock Island lines are preparing special trains to be sent to Omaha carrying physicians and nurses.

Newton News.
Newton Correspondence Charlotte Observer, 20th

The Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. has begun to put up poles and install cables in the southern part of town. Several years ago the town towards the depot was wired in this manner. A new switchboard is also being put in and other improvements made for better telephone service in Newton.

Mr. Lon Sherrill of North Newton has been working for two years on an airship and thinks it will be ready for its first flight in a short time. This is no plaything Mr. Sherrill, who is a genius in such things, studied out a plan by which he thinks air navigation will be made simple. While his model is rude in construction, he believes he has the right idea.

Company 1. Forty Ninth Regiment, C. S. A., will hold its annual reunion at Sherrill's Ford April 1. This will be their fifty-first anniversary. These reunions have been made a permanent feature by the surviving members of the company. Special services preceding Easter are being held every night this week in the Lutheran church. Rev. C. I. Morgan of St. James will preach tomorrow night.

HONESTY MEETS WITH MERIT.

Howard A. Banks Private Secretary to Secretary of Navy.

When Mr. Banks told me last week that he had accepted the position of private secretary to Josephus Daniels, Sec. of Navy, I heartily congratulated him. There is no one in this community who commands more respect than the owner and editor of the Hickory Democrat. During many trips over this state for pleasure and in the interest of the Democrat, I universally learned that he stood very high as a gentleman, an editor and newspaper man.

No one who knows him doubts the high moral plane upon which he lives, no one questions his intellectuality; and his experience with the Philadelphia Ledger, Charlotte Observer, and as Washington correspondent, made him a good newspaper man; and fits him for a larger field for his attainments. I asked Mr. Banks if he realized that out of all the good men in N. C. he was the one selected to be near the National Administration as private secretary to a cabinet officer, Mr. Banks replied that he did.

Hickory, N. C. will be well represented in the official circles of Washington D. C.
Dr. R. Wood Brown.

Judge Cline in Martin.
The following dispatch from Williamsburg, Mattin county will be read with interest by the many friends of Judge E. B. Cline:

The Superior court of Martin county is in session this week, with a large crowd in attendance, the cases are none of great importance. Judge Cline is presiding for the first time in this county; he has impressed the citizens most favorably by his judicial bearing in the court house and his kindness and cordiality towards those he meets on the outside. Our Ed makes himself popular wherever he goes.

Breezes Across the River.
(Written for last week)

The county commencement at Taylorsville last Friday was largely attended by the schools of the county.

Mr. Leo Bolick closed his school at the Herman schoolhouse last Friday. The school closed with an old time exhibition and a large crowd on last Saturday.

Rev. A. L. Bolick, who is principal of the graded school at Hudson, filled his regular appointment at St. Matthews last Sunday, a large congregation attending the services.

Mrs. A. P. Bolick is convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia.

The little child of Oliver Bolick that was burned so severely a few weeks ago is slowly recovering.

Mr. Vance Davis of Dealville, attended the inauguration of President Wilson last week, a privilege much coveted by your correspondent, but all to no purpose. By the way, this reminds us of a noted sale to take place in Washington, D. C. Your readers will doubtless remember reading the obituary of G. O. P. given in your columns some time ago. The sale of his personal effects will take place at the Capitol on the 31st of March as the day preceding the meeting of the extra session of congress. Following is the bill and terms of sale: One elephant 60 years and has the foot rot; one Bull Moose dehorned in November; one litter of injunctions and high cost of living sired by gold bugs and damned by everybody; one republican platform good as new, has only been used for campaign purposes; One big stick somewhat worn by over-use; one republican machine somewhat out of repair; one financial system well supplied with cleaning house certificates, scrip, and very little cash; one large quantity rubbish containing some valuable relics and souvenirs such as old dinner pails, grandpa hats, coon skins; teddy bears, Taft smiles, and other things too numerous to mention. The sale will positively take place on the above date regardless of the weather. Everybody, regardless of political servitude, is invited.

J. P. Morgan, Adm'r, Joe Cannon, Auctioneer, Teddy Roosevelt, Clerk. P. S. The Chicago Steam Roller will be included in the above sale.

Marriage.
Mr. Charles Torbush and Miss Mary Foster were married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church Wednesday afternoon by Rev. D. M. Lisker.

COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Since the last issue of the Democrat appeared the editor has been honored by the unsought offer of the private secretaryship to the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels, and has accepted. He has sold the Democrat to Mr. E. V. Morton a successful business man of Hickory, who will assume control next week and who will announce his own plans.

For the generous support of Hickory and Catawba county people for the past three years, we offer our thanks.

It has been a privilege to labor in behalf of the city and section, and friendships have been formed which will abide throughout time and eternity.

We do not lose our citizenship by going to Washington and we are from Hickory.

The surgeons had a wounded French soldier on the operating table during the Napoleonic wars. The knife was nearing the heart, "One inch deeper and you will find the Emperor," cried the stricken warrior of the OLD GUARD. Hickory and Catawba county are cut into the tablet of our heart.

HOWARD A. BANKS.

The indications now are that Floyd and Claude Allen, father and son, must die in the electric chair tomorrow (Friday). These men were convicted of participation in the Hillsville court house murder and were given death sentences. They have exhausted every legal resource to escape death, but it seems now that their efforts were all in vain. The attorneys for them have been untiring in their efforts. Of late much public sentiment has been aroused in Virginia in behalf of the condemned, and much pressure has been brought to bear upon Governor Mann to induce him to interfere. Especially has this been true since Sidna Allen, leader of the clan, was given only a prison sentence. But Governor Mann contended that he should not interfere on this account because he regarded the Sidna Allen sentence as a gross miscarriage of justice. Having exhausted every effort to find relief in the State courts, an appeal was made to the Federal courts, but Chief Justice White refused to hear the matter. While all humanity may sympathize with the condemned men all must agree to the justice of their sentence and none can successfully assail the motives of those in authority who have refused to interfere with it.

At the risk of shaking his modesty, we are publishing this week a number of very flattering compliments of Mr. Banks, formerly editor of this paper. We feel that Mr. Banks deserves all the good things that can possibly be said about him, and we feel that he will not allow his modesty to become too greatly shocked because we are publishing some of these.

That sentence passed on the hazers for the killing of young Rand at the State University may satisfy the demands of justice, but we are of the opinion that it would have been as well for all concerned had they been acquitted.

Highland News

Mr. L. O. Sigman is building a new dwelling at his present home place, just outside the limits of Highland.

Mr. Manuel Barnhill's baby died Thursday night, after a short illness of measles and pneumonia.

Mr. J. P. Robinson is off duty this week keeping company with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels' baby, reported in our last writing as being sick with measles, died last Sunday.

Mr. John Martin, our new liveryman, was kicked by one of his horses and had his hand badly broken. However he is improving very nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Dan Fry is recovering from a severe case of measles.

The Sandy Ridge School closed Saturday with an entertainment, which was very well attended considering the weather.

Ivey Dots.
March 24 1913.—The Ivey Mill is now changing part of the looms on heavy drill. This kind of cloth seems to be ready sale and the weavers are making good wages on this goods.

Mrs. Ida Reid from Lenoir has been here several days visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Pharr.

B. Brittain and wife, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. Brittain's parents, Dr and Mrs J. J. Hicks.

Miss Julia Richards, one of the hands at the mill spent a week in Caldwell visiting relatives and friends but she has returned and is now at work again.

Mr. W. G. Freeman and family moved here from Henrietta one day last week, Mr. Freeman is a brother of Capt. J. F. Freeman, the weaver room overseer.

Ed Sherrill, of Caldwell, was here one day last week looking after his property that he owns here; and while he was here he rented his house to A. F. Sweeney.

During Easter the children seemed to have plenty of red eggs and all had a fine time.

There is still quite a number of measles here but they seem to be in a very mild form.

John Jones, from Brookford, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of Frank Mitchell.

Miss Myrtle and Laurine Hayes from Granite, was here several days last week visiting Misses Minnie and Carrie Berry.

Dan McKenzie was here several days last week visiting his brother, Make McKenzie.

J. M. Abbe, from Drexel was here one day last week visiting his brother, James Abbe.

Wesley Vanhorn and family were here Sunday visiting his brother, Geo. Vanhorn.

Emmit Mitchell, who had been working in Altavista, Va. for several months, returned to his home here Saturday.

Farmers Union Meeting.

The Catawba County Farmer's Union will meet in session Saturday the 29th, at the Court-House in Newton. A full delegation from all the localities in the county, requested to be present. And not only the delegates, but all members of the Union, are urged to come, as this will be a very important meeting, pertaining to the erection of a warehouse. President W. B. Gibson, the manager of the Farmers' Union-warehouse system of Iredell county will be present and address the meeting.

J. Y. KILLIAN, Pres.
E. L. MOOSE, Sec'y.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Under by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Catawba county, N. C., made in a Special Proceeding therein pending, wherein J. Frank Gupton, and others are petitioners, and Sarah A. Sledge, and others are defendants, the undersigned as Commissioners, will re-sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in front of the First National Bank in the City of Hickory, N. C., on SATURDAY, APRIL 19th, 1913, at 12 o'clock, noon, the following lots of land, lying and being in the City of Hickory, N. C., adjoining the lands of W. F. Jones, W. T. Sledge and others, and bounded as follows, viz: First lot, Beginning at W. F. Jones' North-west corner, which is 50 feet south of the main line of the Southern Railway Co., and runs with Morganton street West 100 feet and 6 inches, or thereabouts, to W. T. Sledge's corner; thence with his line South 200 feet, more or less, to a stone, said Sledge's corner; thence nearly East 100 feet and 6 inches, or thereabouts, to W. F. Jones' South-east corner; thence with said Jones' line North 200 feet, more or less to the beginning, being lot No. 4 in deed from Richard S. Adderton to Thomas J. Wiggs, and known as the "Thomas J. Wiggs Home Place." The bidding on this lot to begin at \$2,400.00.

Second lot, Beginning at a stake on the North-east corner of Mrs. Sarah A. Sledge's lot, and runs S. 51-8 W., 228 feet to a stake; thence S. 87 E., 66 feet to a stake in a ditch; thence N. 73-4 E., 231 feet with the ditch to a stake; thence N. 89 W., to the beginning. The bidding on this lot to begin at \$687.50. This to be a final sale as to both lots. This March 14, 1913. M. H. YOUNT, W. C. FLEMSTER, Comrs.

The Democrat Sold.

A deal was closed Monday by which Mr. E. V. Morton becomes owner of the Democrat. Mr. Banks, having accepted the proffered position of private secretary to Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the Navy in President Wilson's cabinet, felt that he would rather be relieved of the responsibility of the paper. Mr. Morton is a well known business man of the town and has all the capabilities of a successful newspaper man. He will assume ownership next week and will, no doubt maintain the high standard of excellence set by Mr. Banks.

Burke County Stream to be Drained.

Representative Webb put in a good stroke for Burke county last week when he secured the recommendation by the United States Drainage Commissioners, Yarnell and Lynde, that Silver Creek, in that county, be drained to a depth of eight feet. It is also recommended that steps be taken to control the operations of the mill men at the head of the stream in order to reduce to a minimum the amount of sand turned into the stream. If these recommendations are carried into effect it is claimed the value of the land will be increased from 25 per cent to 100 per cent. This action on the part of the Drainage Commissioners will go along way towards bringing Burke to the front, and Congressman Webb is due the thanks of the entire county.

We have before us the program for the meeting of the Conference for Education in the South to be held in Richmond, Va., April 18 to 18, which shows that there will be something interesting doing every minute of the time. We notice the name of our general townsman, Mr. W. J. Shuford on the program in several places. Mr. Shuford will go there to tell the people of the country what Catawba county is doing and how other sections may do the same. And no man can do this better than Wat. The program is a splendid one and the meeting will no doubt add impetus to the great educational movement in the south.

Miss Mary Ramsay entertained the Traveler's Club March 20. Mrs. F. A. Abney gave an interesting talk on "George Fox and the Quakers." Mrs. C. M. Shuford read an article on "Mountain Tarns." Mrs. Murphy sang a beautiful selection of Goring-Thomas "A Song of Sunshine." Miss Getner concluded the program with the topic "Hill Caine" and a reading "Caine's Reminiscences of Rosetti." Refreshments with decorations were suggestive of Easter. Notably the "Pond-Lily salad." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Royster March 27.

Mrs. T. F. Stevenson was hostess to the Embroidery Club Thursday afternoon. In addition to the members, Miss Mary Munroe and Mesdames Knox, Bost and Super were guests. The afternoon was spent with fancy work, enlivened by Mrs. Post's reading a story of an Easter Bonnet. A two-course collection was served and the club adjourned to meet next with Mrs. Boyd.

Death of Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Magie Mills, wife of Mr. J. Will Mills, died at her home in this city last Thursday night after a brief illness with pneumonia. The remains were carried to Statesville Friday and after funeral service by Rev. J. H. Pressley at the Associate Reformed church were interred in Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Mills was the daughter of Mr. J. S. Lackey, of Alexander county, and was 26 years old. She came to this city with her husband to reside about four years ago and had made many friends here who mourn for her death. She is survived by a husband and four children, the youngest of which was only two weeks old at the time of her death.

Death of a Former Newton Lady.

Catawba County News.
Mrs. James H. Taylor died Friday night. She was about 40 years old and had been in poor health for some time. The interment took place Sunday at Yadkin College and the funeral was conducted by Rev. H. L. Powell. She leaves a husband, one child, and several brothers and sisters among whom are Mrs. Ed. L. Green, of Yadkin College, Dr. Fred Ford, of Hickory, and Charles Ford of Wilmington.—Lexington Dispatch.
Mrs. Taylor was a native of Newton, and was known to our people as Miss Ella Ford. She first married a Mr. Rice and after his death was married to Mr. Taylor of Davidson county.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Approval of Overman.

Charlotte Observer.
The Washington Post is a paper that is generally careful in voicing its estimate of public men, and for that reason its size-up of Senator Overman carries the weight of a judgment that has been studied out and based on developed evidence. The complimentary references of The Post to the junior Senator from North Carolina afford pleasing reading to the people of this State, the more so because of the knowledge that they are deserving and well bestowed. In Senator Overman's handling of the patronage "problem," as The Post calls it, there will be found little to discredit the high estimate which has been accorded his statesmanship by The Post and by the public. That so instant recognition has been given the efficient character of Senator Overman is cause for congratulation by the people of his State. The Post placed its seal of approval on a worthy subject.

Who Was Your Father? What Sort Of Blood?

If your blood is thin, you are weak and languid, not enough energy to do your daily work, and feel entirely worn out, Dr. King's special prescription for you, if consulted personally, would be his own Iron Bitters. Makes old people young, renews youth, makes weak people strong, gives refreshing sleep. Sold by all medicine dealers.

Remnant of the Robins Now Safe.

Lexington Dispatch.
So far, the robins have not come, but they are surely on the way. For many years the people of this section have killed them by the hundreds and there are always strings of them on the market. Better not do it again this year. Uncle Sam has taken the robins under his own protecting wing and you kill them at your peril. If you don't want to find yourself headed for the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, chaperoned by a Federal officer, you had better let Robin Redbreast severely alone. A law passed a few months ago providing protection for those birds that migrate from one State to another and all of these migrating birds belong to Uncle Sam.

BUSINESS LOCALS

WANT to exchange furniture for 20 bushels of sweet potatoes, J. C. Martin

Use Worrell's Pino-Spray sweeping and disinfecting fluid on your wood, tile, linoleum or matting floors. No dust. No germs. For sale at Umstead's. 2t

WANTED—By couple without children, two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Down stairs preferred close in. P. O. Box 179.

Highest prices paid for all kinds of furs at Zerden's Under-selling Store. 1-2-tf.

WANTED—To rent a residence apply at Democrat Office.

20 BUSHELS of sweet potatoes wanted in exchange for furniture. J. C. Martin.

Worrell's Vermin-Go kills lice, mites, bed bugs and all other insects and sterilizes their eggs. For sale at Umstead's. 2t

499 is the number that will get the \$4.00 shoes. We are anxious to give the shoes, so whoever has it please bring it to. Houck & Prevette.

WE OFFER at very close prices, 50 bags Bliss Triumph Potatoes; 50 bags Irish Cobbler Potatoes. (Will sell in bag lots or less) also few onion sets cheap. Full line of grass and clover seed. Call on us when in town. Hickory Seed Co., Hickory, N. C.; 3-27-2t.

Worrell's Vermin-Go is the best disinfectant on the market on sale at Umstead's. 2t

BUY your bureaus and beds from J. C. Martin; pay for same with sweet potatoes.

SHIP US YOUR PRODUCE We buy straight or handle on commission at highest market prices!—Chickens, eggs, ducks, turkeys, butter, sweet potatoes, dried apples, peas—anything to eat. Blue Ridge Produce Co., Charlotte, N. C. 3 20 10t

You can get the genuine Worrell's Vermin-Go insecticide and disinfectant at Umstead's. 2t