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THE COLD WAVE.

Sunday And Monday Record Breakers for Winter Weather.

THREE FEET OF SNOW AT THE NORTH—TRAINS TIED UP—THE WEATHER BUREAU NEVER KNEW THE LIKE OF IT BEFORE.

Sunday and Monday last were the coldest days of the winter, and Tuesday was not much better, though the weather had moderated a little by that time. It began to snow in Morganton Saturday evening about 5 o'clock and the "beautiful" continued to fall until sometime Sunday night. However, it did not reach a depth of more than 2½ inches. Many of our people were caught without fuel and the few loads of wood that came to town on Monday sold at fancy prices. There was much suffering no doubt on account of the scarcity of wood and coal. The thermometer we learn dropped to 5 degrees below zero at the Hospital Monday morning, the lowest record here for a number of years.

It seems that the cold wave extended throughout the whole of the eastern portion of the United States and business for a time was demoralized. The zero line extended through southern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Whirling northward the storm developed into a blizzard at Philadelphia and New York and there were a number of deaths on account of the cold. There was snow in Florida and the temperature was reported 2 degrees below zero in Tallahassee on Monday. Winter maturing vegetables were killed and orange trees considerably damaged. The snow in all of the northern section of the Union ranged from two to three feet in depth and traffic on the railroads was stopped for a time. The weather bureau say they never knew the like of it before.

Eighteen inches of snow in Raleigh was reported and no mail was received here on Tuesday from points east of Greensboro, the railroads being blocked.

Following are a few of the below zero records reported Monday: Asheville 14, Lynchburg 6, Anniston 14, Tallahassee 2, Blowing Rock 10, Chattanooga 10.

Charlotte reported the coldest weather in 18 years.

The Seaboard Air Line was unable to get a train out of Raleigh on Monday on account of the weather. The Southern was in better luck. Only one of their trains was annulled during the day.

On the W. N. C. road about all the regular trains were run, though on greatly delayed schedules.

FOR SALE—One 200 egg incubator; also my 7-room house in Morganton. For terms apply to

R. L. PATTON.

LOCAL SQUIBS.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mc-Bee are visiting in Morganton.

Mrs. W. M. Goodman has returned to Knoxville, after a visit of several weeks in Morganton.

No mail from the North yesterday, and not even the Observer from Charlotte or any Raleigh papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gaither were entertained at tea Tuesday evening by Miss Mary Powe, at her home on Lenoir street.

A little more snow Wednesday night and a freezing rain yesterday. And Tom Lowdermilk says the end of the trouble is not yet.

Mr. Jack Dunavant has accepted a position as book-keeper with Messrs. Henkle & Craig, at Statesville, and left for that place last week.

Miss Mary Lou Bristol left for Asheville last week to take a course in Asheville Female College. She will board with her aunt Mrs. W. W. DeVault.

Mrs. Vance Henkle, who has been visiting at the home of her father, Capt. S. D. Dunavant, returned to Statesville the latter part of last week.

Misses Ruby and Jessie Spanhour, daughters of Wm. Spanhour, of Montezuma, who have been attending Patton School, returned to their home last week.

It is stated that Judge Norwood's resignation is in the hands of the Governor. We hope this is true, as it will save him the impeachment threatened by the Legislature.

The entertainment which was to have been given by the Morganton Dramatic Club at the Town Hall Tuesday night was postponed until after Lent. Due notice will be given of the date.

Mr. T. L. Morrison tells us that a sow belonging to Mr. N. J. Morrison, of Silver Creek township, found pigs a few days ago and among the litter was one which had two tails and eight legs.

A dispatch of the 11th, from Raleigh said that the decision of the joint committee of investigation of the Governor's removal of J. W. Wilson, and that it was confidently predicted that the finding would be the same as to Otho Wilson.

Miss Mary Dickson left a few days ago for Baltimore to have her eyes treated.

A horse belonging to Mr. J. W. Campbell dropped dead in East Morganton Wednesday.

An "at home" was given at Capt. S. D. Dunavant's Thursday evening, the 9th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gaither.

Rev. and Mrs. Satterlee, Miss Folsom, Sister Ella and Capt. T. Gordon attended as delegates the Morganton Convocation which met in Hickory last week. The Convocation passed a resolution endorsing the Episcopal paper soon to be started in Morganton by Mr. R. R. Laxton, who will be the editor, and asking a liberal support from the church.

EARTHQUAKE.

A DISTINCT SHOCK MONDAY MORNING ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK.

Many of our citizens were aroused Monday morning about 5 o'clock by an earthquake shock, which lasted several seconds. Those who felt it say it was accompanied by the usual roaring sound.

Mr. Z. T. Corpening was aroused by the shake. He said the house shook perceptibly.

Mr. J. H. McNeely felt the shock distinctly. He thought the snow had fallen off the roof, causing the shake.

Several persons at the Hospital were aroused by the shock. They say it was very distinct there.

The shock is reported to have been felt at various points in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

A MARRIAGE WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Mr. P. L. Bean and Miss Hattie Battle were married at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. R. F. Goodson, on Green street. Rev. W. K. Houck performed the ceremony according to the beautiful and impressive marriage service of the Methodist church. Quite a number of friends of the bride and groom were present upon invitation to witness the event. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George W. Battle, formerly of Morganton, now of Marion. She has been holding a position as attendant at the State Hospital for several years and is a charming young woman, both in person and character. Mr. Bean is a grocery merchant doing business near the depot and is a young man of fine personal as well as business qualities. The happy pair left Wednesday night for Marion, where will spend a few days. On their return they will go to housekeeping with the groom's mother, near the Hospital. In their entrance upon married life they carry with them the very best wishes of their host of friends.

DEATH OF MRS. C. D. GILES.

A GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Mrs. Delphia Giles, wife of Esq. C. D. Giles, a leading citizen of Burke living in Linville township, died Wednesday morning after a lingering illness.

Deceased was about 69 years of age and the mother of a large family of children.

She was a devout christian, a member of the Methodist church and a worker in the Master's vinyard for many years. The christian influence she has shed abroad in the community will live after her.

The bereaved husband and children and relatives have the sympathy of the people; but they should take comfort in the assurance that deceased was ready for the summons and has gone up higher.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

The committee on salaries and fees at their meeting Tuesday made a favorable recommendation of the bill introduced by Mr. John L. Currie, of Moore, says the Raleigh News. The bill provides for a general reduction of salaries of State officers. Under Mr. Currie's bill the salary of the Superintendent of the Morganton Hospital is reduced to \$2,200 from \$2,800; Steward at Morganton Hospital, \$700 from \$1,000; Railroad Commissioners, \$1,500 each from \$2,000 each.

Mr. Currie says that he introduced this bill because the salaries as fixed in his bill will buy as much as the old salaries would when they were fixed, and he thinks that this being the case this reduction should be made in justice to the tax-payers of the State.

A CASE OF APPENDICITIS.

Doyle Hinton, aged about 12 years, and a son of Mr. H. C. Hinton, of this place, was taken with appendicitis on Monday and has since suffered intense pain, so much so that his physicians found it necessary, in order to save his life, for him to be taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for an operation. Dr. J. R. Anderson left yesterday morning with the boy for Baltimore. We trust that the operation may prove successful and that the little fellow may soon be well again.

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