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WAS IT A CLOUD BURST?

A TERRIBLE FLOOD IN HITCHCOCK AND FALLING CREEKS.

Roberdel, Pee Dee, Great Falls and Midway Mills Suffer Great Loss—The Dams all Broken and the Factories Flooded.

EVERY BRIDGE, DAM AND GRIST MILL ON THE TWO STREAMS IS WRECKED OR WASHED AWAY—SEVERAL RAILROAD TRETTLES GONE.

The rain of last Sunday night was one of the heaviest that ever fell in this section, but it must have been much worse a few miles east of town for no such flood was ever known in the creeks on the north and south of town as came sweeping down just before day Monday morning. It is believed by many that there was a cloud burst eight or ten miles east of town about 1 o'clock, and the rapidity with which the streams rose confirms the opinion.

The first damage done on Hitchcock Creek was at Ledbetter's factory where the grist mill was moved a few inches from its foundation. The county bridge, just below the mill, was so badly wrecked that it will have to be rebuilt.

At Roberdel factory, two miles below Ledbetter's, the dam was broken and the grist mill and cotton gin building, on the east side of the pond, was swept away. Only a portion of the dam was blown out, but what remains is so badly wrecked that it will have to be torn away. The dam was of hewn stone, laid in cement, and was erected some six years ago at a cost of \$6,500. The factory building was not damaged.

Pee Dee factory, two miles below Roberdel, suffered serious loss. The great volume of water discharged by the broken dam at Roberdel swept away the old portion of the dam at Pee Dee, and the water poured with frightful force against the northern end of the building, smashing in the windows in the lower story and flooding the weave room to a depth of four or five feet. The looms, 165 in number, were submerged by the seething, muddy water and the thread and cloth on them rendered almost valueless. The machinery is greatly damaged. The blacksmith shop was swept away, as were also the gangways, the bridge and a lot of fencing.

Half a mile further down the creek was a large grist mill that tumbled into the turbid stream and was borne away on its murky bosom. The dam is also gone.

On Falling Creek, south of town, the first damage we hear of is at the Wiley Dawkins mill, four miles southeast of town. Here the dam and grist mill were swept away.—Between the Dawkins mill and Great Falls factory were three other dams which served as reservoirs for Great Falls. All of these broke, and the immense volume of water thus liberated rushed with awful force upon the dam at Great Falls and blew out a large section of it. Here there is a fall of 30 feet or more and the mill is situated in the valley below the dam, a little to one side. Had the full force of the torrent struck the mill when the dam broke, the building would surely have gone down. The boiler house, built of brick, was swept away, and the lower floor of the mill was flooded to the depth of three or four feet. On this floor was a large lot of cloth, thousands of yards of which is badly damaged. Much of it will probably prove a total loss.

Just below Great Falls factory Hitchcock and Falling Creeks come together and form one stream. From the confluence of the streams it is about one mile to Midway factory, which probably sustained a heavier loss than any of the mills. Their dam was blown out and the factory flooded to the depth of five or six feet. The tower, in which was a tank containing several hundred gallons of water, collapsed when the water struck it. The gangways, the blacksmith shop and the boiler

house were swept away, and several bales of cotton and yarn were borne off down stream. Some of this will probably be recovered. Of course the machinery on the first floor is badly damaged.

The dam of the Hamlet Woolen Mills and of Mr. Geo. J. Freeman's grist mill, on Marks Creek, were broken and the buildings slightly damaged.

The roadbed of the Carolina Central Railroad is badly damaged for several miles east and west of town. Several trestles were washed away and there are three or four bad wash-outs between Hamlet and Pee Dee river. Large forces of hands have been at work, day and night, since Monday repairing the damage, but it will be some days yet before trains can pass. Meantime Mr. L. Weill will run a hack line to Hamlet to convey the mail and passengers.

The brick yards of Messrs. H. C. Dockery and W. F. Steele were submerged and both lost heavily in bricks. Mr. Steele lost about 75,000 bricks and Mr. Dockery 75,000.

Not a bridge or trestle on Hitchcock, Falling Creek or Marks Creek, so far as we have heard, is left intact. If not washed away, they are so damaged as to render them unsafe.

The damage to the manufacturing interests of the town will aggregate \$100,000. Add to this the loss sustained by the county in bridges, the damage to the railroad, the grist mills destroyed and the crops that are ruined, and the total loss will closely approximate \$200,000, if it does not go beyond that sum.

Had the flood come in the day time much of the damage might have been averted, but occurring as it did between 2 and 4 o'clock in the morning, it was impossible to get sufficient help in the short space of time that intervened between the first intimation of actual danger and the breaking of the dams. A slow, steady rain set in from the east a little before dark, and it increased in violence as the night advanced.—About ten o'clock there was heavy thunder in the northeast, and later in the night persons who were up say that the clouds in the east were fearful to look upon. The night was literally "as dark as pitch," and the rain seemed to descend in sheets.

The night watchman at Pee Dee says at 12 o'clock he did not think it necessary to raise the flood gates, but two hours later the water was rising so rapidly that he summoned help and hoisted the gates. Still the water rose, and a little after 3 o'clock was running over the dam, which soon gave way and let the flood into the factory below.

LATER.—Since the above was written we learn of other casualties above Ledbetter's factory. The dam at Mr. Luke Gibson's grist and saw mill is gone. Mr. John D. Lovin also lost his dam, and his grist mill was undermined and fell in, and the dam of Mr. Joseph Gibson's grist mill and gin was swept out.

ANENT the recent visit of President Harrison to Boston and the honors paid him by the cultured bean eaters, the New York World says:

"He has bestowed high offices as a reward for raising enormous sums of money to promote his election. He has repudiated the pledges of his party and his own promises to the nation by inaugurating and carrying on the wildest carnival of spoils which has been seen in this country in 25 years. He has appointed notorious rascals to office. He has made corrupt bargains with political freebooters. And he has aggravated these offenses against honest politics and good government by Pharisaic pretentiousness and the cant of piety.

What is there in his character or his record as President that should lead the people to pay hero-worship to Benjamin Harrison? It is well to honor his office. But before the Presidency is honored in its occupant he should first honor it. And this the present incumbent has not done."

True, every word of it. But what better could be expected of a President who is surrounded by a crowd of bribers and freebooters? We were shown a few days ago by Mr. J. T. Wall, of Lilesville township, a sample of very fine wool taken from some Cotawold sheep belonging to him. From two sheep Mr. Wall informs us that he sheared 26 pounds of wool of the very finest quality. This is nearly three times as much as the ordinary sheep yields. Mr. Wall is a progressive young man who is turning his attention to the raising of improved stock, and we predict that he will not only find it a pleasant but a profitable business.—Wadesboro Messenger.

The New Board.

The News and Observer of the 23rd says: The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Insane Asylum met yesterday morning at 10:30 a. m. There were present Messrs. Amis, Biggs, Broadfoot, Coke, Foote, McCormac, Kirby, Smith and Womack—being a full board.

On motion Mr. R. H. Smith was elected chairman, vice Dr. Haywood, resigned.

The resignation of Dr. Eugene Grisson was received as follows:

To the Board of Directors of the N. C. Insane Asylum: Gentlemen:—Under the circumstances, I feel it my duty to tender my resignation of the office of Superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum. Owing to the inability and consequent absence from duty of the assistant physician, my immediate departure would leave the institution without any medical care, and being unwilling to prejudice in the least degree the interests of the Asylum, it is agreeable to me, if it is the wish of the board, to remain until my successor is appointed and installed, to whom it will afford me great pleasure to give full information respecting every detail of management, and in regard to every case in the asylum, and to aid him in every way to enter upon the successful discharge of his duties.

Very respectfully,
EUGENE GRISSON.

Revenue Captures.

The bushwhacking force of the revenue department done some damaging work to the moonshine business along the Wake and Chatham line yesterday. W. N. Scott and J. Dawson Bennett were arrested and brought to this city, and 13 barrels of cider and one hundred gallons of low wines seized together with the copper still, tanks and worms destroyed. T. R. Purcell United States Commission sent the offenders on to the next term of the United States Circuit Court. A cigar factory at Greensboro was closed for violation of revenue laws.—News and Observer.

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Barnum & Bailey's Circus Wrecked.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., August 23.—The second train of Barnum & Bailey's show was wrecked late last night about 2 miles and a half east of Potsdam while en-route on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad from Gouverneur to Montreal. A broken axle was the cause. Twenty-four ring horses including one four chariot team and two camels were killed. Six cars were derailed and two telescoped, so that everything in them were crushed. There were three trains conveying the show. The first train which carried the tents and their belongings passed into Canada safely, but the second train, conveying all the animals met with an awful disaster. The scene is one of confusion. At either side of the track are distributed bodies of the dead horses, with here and there a poor beast which had received injuries that rendered it useless. Tethered to fences at the side of the highway are one camel, sacred cows, steers and various other animals which were rescued from derailed cars. The cars are crushed and twisted into all sorts of shapes and piled upon the track in a seemingly hopeless entanglement. The elephants which were in the first car that was derailed, were not hurt and are swaying their bodies angrily, as if displeased at their unusual long confinement. Barnum's partner J. W. Bailey is at the scene. He says it is difficult to estimate the loss at present, but it will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

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