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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE MEMORABLE ANNALS OF 1894.

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The year 1894 is made memorable at home by the enactment of a tariff and income tax law; the great Pullman boycott and railroad strike; the accompanying tumult and mob violence; the Samoan imbroglio; the Bluefields incident and the new Chinese-American treaty. The leading events abroad were the great Yellow War, which has raised grave problems as yet unsettled; the death of the czar and the interference with British interests by the French in Africa. There has been no great epidemic, and while the king of terrors and terror of kings is never idle the death roll is not unusually large. The white wings of peace have been spread over our own country, and the discussions, and events in the realm of finance, industry and labor will serve to hasten a solution of these problems:

FIRE RECORD.

JANUARY.

- 3. Fire in Toledo destroyed 2 elevators, the Chamber of Commerce, a museum and wholesale drug store; losses, \$50,000.
Hirschmann & Sons' drug house burned in Detroit; loss, \$100,000.

FEBRUARY.

- 3. In Omaha 2 stores, a Catholic church and a schoolhouse destroyed by fire; loss, \$350,000.
6. At Dublin, Tex., a cotton press burned; loss, \$150,000.

MARCH.

- 1. Alum Springs hotel, near Danville, Ky., destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.
Henry's Opera House block burned at North Baltimore, O.; loss, \$100,000.

APRIL.

- 9. The Davidson hotel and theater burned in Wilkesville; 9 deaths; loss, \$225,000.
12. The American Glucose works and other property burned in Buffalo; loss, \$1,200,000; 12 workmen killed.

MAY.

- 6. The William N. Whitely Reaper and Mower works burned at Muncie, Ind.; loss, \$245,000.
10. The town of Norway, Me., destroyed by fire; loss, \$230,000.

- 8. 15 shops and stores and 30 residences burned at Ottumwa, Ia.; loss, \$225,000; 2 deaths.
9. Lumber mills and buildings burned at Duquesne, Pa.; loss, \$900,000.

- 2. The mill of the Vermont Marble company at Proctor, Vt., destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.
4. 22 buildings in Judson, Mass., destroyed by fire; loss, \$300,000.

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- ed, 32 of the crew and 38 passengers saved by boats and a life raft; the vessel a total wreck.
28. 28 schooners wrecked in a storm on Lake Michigan; 23 lives lost, including several women. At Port Huron 4 volunteer life savers were drowned in attempting to rescue a crew from the rigging of the water-logged schooner William Shupe.

- 4. The Dominion line steamer Texas, from Boston, wrecked off Newfoundland; loss, \$400,000.
24. Fishing tug sank off Atlantic Highlands, N. J.; nearly 50 drowned.

- 13. The schooner Alaska, from Rockport for Boston, wrecked and burned at Portsmouth, N. H.
15. The schooner Antelope capsized in Grand Haven harbor, Mich.; her crew of 3 men drowned.

- 4. The schooner Clara Simpson run down in Long Island sound by the British steamer Dorian; 3 of the crew drowned.

- 1. The 4th annual meeting of the National Association of Military Surgeons opened in Washington.
The 9th annual convention of the National League of American Musicians opened in Baltimore.

- 1. The 10th general assembly of the Presbyterian church met in Saratoga.
The Southern Presbyterian general assembly met at Nashville.

- 1. The 24th annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of America opened at St. Paul.
The National Association of Dentists began its annual session at Fort Monroe.

- 1. The 20th convention of American bankers met at Baltimore.
The national encampment Union Veteran legion opened at Newark, N. J.

- 1. The 21st annual convention W. C. T. U. opened at Cleveland.
The 7th annual session of the Transmississippi congress opened at St. Louis.

- 1. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers held their annual election in New York.
30th anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, celebrated in Europe and America.

- 1. Annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened at Denver.
Annual convention of the American Civil Service Reform league met in Chicago.

- 1. Lord Rosebery appointed premier of England.
Gen. Neal Dow, the prohibition advocate, celebrated his 20th birthday.

- 1. Yale defeated Princeton at football in New York 24 to 0.
Frank C. Ives broke the world's record for balk line billiards at Chicago.

- 1. A blizzard of rain and snow prevailed from New England to Nebraska.
Temperature 40 degrees below zero at Fort Fairfield, Me.

- 9. Severe gale and snowstorm on the New England coast.
Snow fell in central Pennsylvania, the heaviest since 1862.

- 4. A destructive storm of wind, hail and lightning in southern Minnesota.
Destructive storm in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia; 25 in central New York.

- 4. A windstorm wrecked several houses and stores in Tacoma; 9 persons buried under the debris.
The city hall and other buildings wrecked by a windstorm at Brazil, Ind.

- 1. Fatal earthquake shocks at Constantinople.
The heaviest hailstorm in the history of Rye, Mass., prevailed, causing great destruction of garden crops and window glass; stones fell measuring three-fourths of an inch to 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

- 1. The 5th annual convention of the American Medical association opened in San Francisco.
50th anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. celebrated by a jubilee in London.

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The 28th annual convention of civil engineers opened at Niagara Falls.

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A WEATHER BUREAU.

Hickory Is to Have a Daily Weather Signal Service Through the Efforts of our Polite Postmaster and Congressman Henderson.

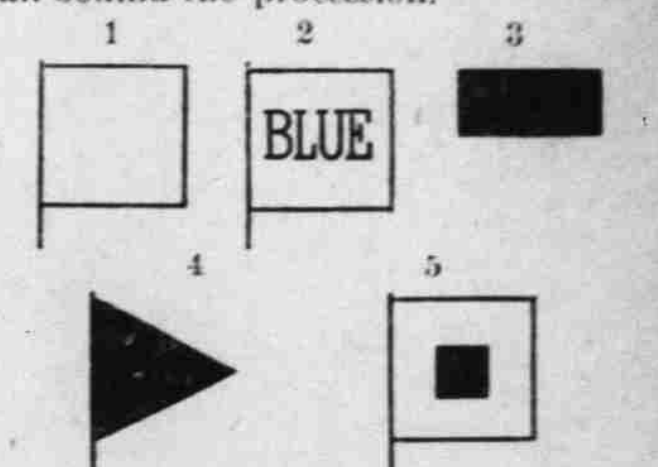
Now that a weather signal bureau has been established in Hickory, the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN will publish the forecasts weekly. In order that our readers may understand the signals, we publish them again and suggest that all those who are interested in the matter cut them out of the paper and paste them up at some convenient place where they can at once understand what it means when they see a flag flying at the top of the pole in the Public Square.

To understand the flag signals read the following and preserve it: 1. The Weather Bureau furnishes, when practicable, for the benefit of the general public and those interests dependent to a greater or less extent upon weather conditions, the "Forecasts" which are prepared at this office and certain specially designated stations daily, at 10 a. m. and 10 p. m., for the following day. These weather forecasts are telegraphed to observers at stations of the Weather Bureau, railway officials, and many others, and are so worded as to be readily communicated to the public by means of flags or steam whistles. The flags adopted for this purpose are five in number (indicated and which we will publish later.)

Number 1, white flag, six feet square, indicates clear or fair weather. Number 2, blue flag, six feet square, indicates rain or snow. Number 3, white and blue flags (parallel bars of white and blue), six feet square, indicates that local rains or showers will occur, and that the rainfall will not be general. Number 4, black triangular flag, four feet at the base and six feet in length, always refers to temperature; when placed above numbers 1, 2, or 3 it indicates colder weather, when not displayed, the indications are that the change in temperature will not vary more than four degrees from the temperature of the same hour of the preceding day from March to October, inclusive, and not more than six degrees for the remaining months of the year. Number 5, white flag, six feet square, with black square in center, indicates the approach of a sudden decided fall in temperature. This signal is not displayed unless it is expected that the temperature will fall to forty-two degrees, or lower, and is usually ordered at least twenty-four hours in advance of the cold wave. When number 5 is displayed, number 4 is always omitted. When displayed on poles the signals should be arranged to read downward; when displayed from horizontal supports a small streamer should be attached to indicate the point from which the signals are to be read.

INTERPRETATION OF SIGNALS. No. 1, alone, indicates fair weather, stationary temperature. No. 2, alone, indicates rain or snow, stationary temperature. No. 1, with No. 4 above it, indicates fair weather, warmer. No. 1, with No. 4 below it, indicates fair weather, colder. No. 2, with No. 4 above it, indicates warmer weather, rain or snow. No. 2, with No. 4 below it, indicates colder weather, rain or snow. No. 3, with No. 4 above it, indicates warmer weather with local rains. No. 3, with No. 4 below it, indicates colder weather with local rains. No. 1, with No. 5 above it, indicates fair weather, cold wave. No. 2, with No. 5 above it, indicates wet weather, cold wave. Lose no time in subscribing for the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN, or you will fall behind the procession.

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Warden—What did you do for a living outside?
Convict—My most signal success was as a campaign orator.
Warden—Very well; I'll set you to work blowing up rubber cushions.
She used to hang her stockings up.
And that was bad enough.
But now she tries the bloomer bluff,
But ain't it awful tough?

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

Matters Worthy of Record in an Eventful Year. MARCH. Lord Rosebery appointed premier of England.

FREAKS OF NATURE.

Work of Cyclones, Earthquakes and Fearful Blizzards. FEBRUARY. Destructive storm in Mississippi and Louisiana.