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FOUR MINNESOTA TOWNS WIPED OFF MAP.

Men Crazed, With Grief Roam Woods Hunting Lost Relative, and Cyclone of Fire Sweeps Onward.

The towns of Beaudette, Spooner, Pitt and Graeton, Minn., are wiped off the map of Minnesota by the most terrible forest fire ever experienced by Minnesota settlers. The bodies of 75 victims have been found and it is thought that the death rate will be upwards of 300. Wagon loads of bodies are being brought into Beaudette constantly. It is reported that many settlers, crazed with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the forests, and searching parties are constantly going out after the injured, the dead and the demented. One family of nine, one of seven and one of five were wiped out on Friday night.

A cyclone of fire struck Beaudette and Spooner. Within three minutes after the first alarm everything was in a blaze. The people of these two towns had just sufficient time to get out of their homes with what they had on their backs. They were taken on a passenger train that was standing at the depot to Rainy River, Ont.

The whole country east of Warroad, Minn., is on fire. Roosevelt, Swift, Williams and Cedar Spur are in great danger. All the women and children are being rapidly removed to places of safety. The Canadian Northern Railway has halted trains at every station at the service of the people.

The people of Beaudette and Spooner and the settlers through the north central part of the State have lost everything. Five thousand are homeless and the greater part of them destitute. Help must reach them in the next day or two and that in a substantial way, as the greater part of them are but half clad and cold weather is likely to set in at any time.

It is impossible to get details now, as some of the dead will not be found until spring; also it is impossible to estimate the damage or casualties. The surviving pioneers of northern Minnesota are in need of immediate help.

Most of old Beaudette, situated in Minnesota, and International Bridge so far have escaped the fire, as well as the building of the Shevlin-Mather Lumber Company at Spooner, through the activity of the Canadian Northern Railroad Company.

Most of the women and children of these towns have been taken on special trains to points east, and many more are on steamers ready to leave should the wind change and the fire spread.

All available hose is in use, but the fire, driven by a strong northwest wind, is beyond control and must burn itself out. The wind has shifted and is carrying the flames away from Roosevelt. Unless the wind changes again the town will be saved.

Canadian Northern Railway trains have been stalled since Friday night when a freight train went through a bridge near Pitt. The crew was saved and Conductor Monahan walked into Beaudette, which town he reported as destroyed. He says he walked over bodies on the way, but could not say how many.

The fires are still raging and the smoke is stifling. Men from Warroad helped save Roosevelt. Cars are coming in to help settlers twelve miles south. Wires are down and news is obtainable only as refugees come in. The damage is immense. Loss of life uncertain.

Additional Particulars of Mr. Hellig's Death.

Salisbury Post.

Mr. Hellig was not under the surveillance of the hospital, in fact was boarding in the outskirts of the city. On Friday of last week he bought a shot gun from a hardware concern in Morganton purchasing also a box of cartridges. Two of these he placed in the gun and then putting several in his pockets, he stated that he would call for the box Saturday. He said while buying the gun that he wanted to kill some rabbits.

He left the store going in the direction of the woods and this was the last seen of him alive. He did not return to his boarding house Friday night, nor on Saturday, when a search was instituted. On Sunday Mrs. Hellig was notified that he was missing, but she thought he would return. He had gone off a few times without telling her and then phoned to her.

Greensboro gets the Masonic Home for the aged and infirm Masons of the State. The committee which recently met in Charlotte to decide upon a location, and adjourned, without agreeing upon a place, to meet in Salisbury to make a final decision, met there Saturday and selected the Gato City.

Intelligent people who know Solicitor Hammer and Congressman Cowles cannot help but laugh at the huge joke the republican papers are getting off on the people by stating that Cowles were out Hammer in a joint discussion in Stanly county last week. —Wilkesboro Chronicle.

SOL N. CONE SHOOT'S HIMSELF.

No Cause Assigned for the Act—Appeared in Good Spirits on Thursday—May Recover.

Sol N. Cone, formerly a member of the cotton firm of Cone and Hedgpeth, and a member of the New York, Liverpool and New Orleans cotton exchanges, was found unconscious early Saturday morning in his apartments on the second floor of the Haffins building in Greensboro with a bullet wound behind his left ear, and lying in a pool of blood. From all indications his condition was the result of an attempt to commit suicide. Immediately after he was found friends placed him in an ambulance and carried him to St. Leo's hospital, where his wound was dressed by Dr. J. P. Turner.

Mr. Cone was first discovered by his servant, Dennis Siler, who went up shortly after 8 o'clock at the regular time for three purposes of waking him. Upon entering the room, the servant discovered Mr. Cone with his clothes on, lying on the floor leaning on a Morris chair, and in an unconscious condition. Across his breast lay his arm and in his hand was a pistol.

Pearce Rucker, who occupies apartments in the same building, was called and with several others went to Mr. Cone's rooms. As speedily as possible physicians were summoned and the wounded man taken to the hospital. An examination revealed the fact that the bullet had entered the outer portion of the skull, but that it had not touched the brain. Dr. J. P. Turner probed the wound and succeeded in extracting the bullet.

After being removed to the hospital Mr. Cone regained consciousness, and had full possession of his faculties. So far as is known he has made no statement relative to his wound, and the attending physicians would permit no one to see him.

No cause has been assigned for the act. Mr. Cone appeared Thursday in the very best of spirits, and went about his affairs in his customary manner. He was seen at three different hours early Saturday morning. The servant closing up the Merchants and Manufacturers' Club said he looked across the street at 12 o'clock and saw Mr. Cone sitting in a chair reading a paper. Mr. Cone was seen also about 3 o'clock on the street and a little later in an automobile on East Market.

It is supposed that he shot himself some time between the hours of 4 and 8 Saturday morning.

Mr. Cone is a brother of Caesar Cone, Julius Cone and Bernard Cone, and came to Greensboro some six or eight years ago.

A report from the hospital late Saturday night stated that Mr. Cone would probably get well. While his condition is known to be serious, unless inflammation or poisoning sets in, he will recover.

Two Young Men Hurt in Runaway.

Mr. Jay Cannon had his face and arms badly bruised and cut, and Mr. Allan Gibson received an ugly bruise on his forehead yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock as the result of an exciting runaway. They were driving Mr. Cannon's horse down North Spring street and it is supposed the horse became frightened at a man hole at the intersection of Franklin avenue and Spring street. The animal made a mad dash down the street and soon became unmanageable. Mr. Gibson jumped from the buggy just opposite the home of Mr. J. F. Harris, striking the ground on his shoulder and face and received several painful bruises. Mr. Cannon attempted to jump just as he was opposite the residence of Mr. J. B. Sherrill, and was thrown heavily to the ground. He was picked up in a dazed condition and sustained a number of bruises. The horse ran to the end of Spring street and turned down McGill, finally stopping at Sapp's stable. The buggy was considerably damaged and the harness was completely torn apart.

Dr. I. A. Hathcock Dead.

Dr. I. A. Hathcock, an old and well known citizen of this community, died at his home on Vance street yesterday evening of heart disease. He has been in ill health for a year, although his death came as a distinct shock to relatives and friends.

Mr. Hathcock was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife and seven children. He was a native of Big Lick, Stanly county, and the funeral services will be held at Meadow creek church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The news has come from Washington of the establishment of the post-office at Southmount and the appointment of Zeb Michael as the postmaster at the new town and along with this announcement comes the freight circular of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad and freight trains are now running from Lexington through Southmount.

Mrs. Z. F. Foard, of Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. M. Ivey.

MR. BEASLEY IS OPTIMISTIC.

Manager of Literary Bureau at State Democratic Headquarters Expresses Delight Over Chances of Victory.

"The campaign is going with a swing and vim," said Mr. R. F. Beasley, manager of the State Democratic literary bureau, "that is remarkable for an off year in North Carolina. The beginning of the final thirty days before the election finds the Democratic party throughout the State united and aggressive and going with a dash that foretells increased Democratic majorities practically everywhere. Fine local tickets have been nominated in the counties, local differences have been settled, and Democrats everywhere are backing the enemy's lines with a dash that is putting the Republicans on the defensive even in their strongholds. The weekly papers from the counties have come in full of fresh and encouraging news from the boys in the trenches. A reading of their columns confirms the opinion that the party is in full fighting trim. The encouraging news of the spread of Democratic principles over the whole country has put into the State campaign almost the interest that attaches to a presidential election. A well known North Carolinian traveling in Ohio whites Chairman Eller that Democratic prospects are bright in that State, and such news coming from abroad puts enthusiasm in home ranks.

"Speakers report fine crowds and from every direction headquarters are besieged with requests for speakers. The people are anxious to hear the gospel of Democracy and wherever our candidates are able to get joint discussions the gains are ours.

"This year marks the decennial of the overthrow of the fusion regime and the indications are that the people will celebrate in fine shape. The feature of the week has been the utter disgust and contempt that Butler's campaign of abuse has aroused in the minds of decent people of all shades of political opinion.

"When Butler was in power we met him anywhere and everywhere, but when the people of North Carolina turned him out in disgust and contempt, we turned our backs upon him forever, and self-respecting men no longer meet him. There is abundant evidence that the Republicans are disgusted with Butler. He is the biggest load they have to carry. Butler, the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, Taft's estimate of his pie brigade, the disaster in Maine, Massachusetts and New York, have sunk the Morehead machine to the hub, and the pulling is getting worse daily."

The Raleigh aldermen have granted a \$100 rebate to the Ringling Brothers circus on the license tax paid for showing there on Saturday of State Fair Week. This is in consideration of the circus having agreed to change their date from Thursday to Saturday, thereby incurring expense of rebilling the territory for the change of date.

The removal of Mr. W. B. Summersett to Columbia, S. C., and the death of Mr. L. E. Hellig, make two vacancies on the Salisbury board of aldermen, the former being a member from the North Ward, the latter from the South ward, the former being chairman of the police committee, the latter chairman of the street committee.

The South's Work, a new paper just started at Southmount, a new town on the main line of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad, ten miles south of Lexington, made its first appearance today. The paper is edited by Mr. J. M. Windham, formerly of Wilson, who has moved to Southmount to live.

Polygamy in preference to a double code of moral laws is advocated by Dr. Katherine B. Davis, of the University of Chicago, who is head of the New York State Reformatory for Women, the only institution of its kind in the United States.

The sale of the Ira Mehaffey property on Georgia avenue took place at the court house today at 12 o'clock. It was bid in by Mr. M. J. Corl for \$2,565.00.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mayor C. B. Wagoner spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. G. T. Tucker, of Mt. Airy, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. W. K. Kimball, of Sanford, is a visitor in the city today.

Mr. C. M. Johnson, of Gastonia, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Jno. Parks, of Statesville, is the guest of his brother, Capt. H. B. Parks.

Messrs. L. E. Boger and Eugene Brown are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. Fred Ross, of Mebane, spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. P. B. Means.

Mrs. J. D. Hatchett, of Atlanta, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Mr. Scott Freeze, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city with relatives.

Rev. W. A. Lutz, of Statesville, is spending the day in the city with his sister, Mrs. Mehaffey.

Miss Mary Cole returned Saturday afternoon from Charlotte and is visiting Mrs. Plato Durham.

Messrs. W. E. White and C. E. Mandenhall, of Graham, yesterday in the city with Mrs. J. M. Odell.

Mr. Caldwell Propst, of High Point, spent yesterday in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Propst.

Miss Mattie Forrest returned home today from Roanoke, where she has been visiting for the past two months.

Miss Janie Patterson has returned from Charlotte, where she has been spending several days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Yorke and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., left this morning for New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Landis and Mrs. C. M. Suther, of Durham, are visiting at the home of Mr. V. Y. Suther.

Mr. Eugene Barnhardt, of Albemarle, spent yesterday in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon left Saturday night for Philadelphia where Mrs. Cannon will enter a hospital for treatment.

Mr. Henry Smith returned Friday night to Durham after spending two months here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Mrs. E. A. Stone, who has been visiting Mrs. N. R. Richardson, of Mt. Pleasant, returned this morning to her home in Greensboro.

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A NEW HALF MILLION DOLLAR COTTON MILL.

To be Built Somewhere in This Section—Can Concord Secure It.

Some city or town in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas is yet to be decided upon as the location of a half million dollar cotton mill that will produce a fine grade of cloth. Mr. O. A. Robbins, of Charlotte, with a number of New England capitalists contemplate the erection of a manufacturing plant to contain 20,000 to 25,000 spindles and a full complement of looms, and other machinery, the cost of the plant to be between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Mr. Robbins has stated to a representative of the Tribune that the location of the mill has not yet been determined, but that it will be placed in some progressive city of this section. As soon as the location is decided the details will be arranged and the work of establishing the plant begun at once.

The new mill contemplated will be one of a very few in this section manufacturing a fine grade of cotton cloth. There are a number of fine yarn mills now, but most of the yarn is shipped to New England or foreign mills and little is manufactured into cloth at home. The announcement of the plans for the new mill is of the more interest because it is thus in a way, blazing the trail.

Ty Cobb Won Automobile.

Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the sensational outfielder of the Detroit Tigers has won the title of champion batsman of the world, and incidentally the Chalmers-Detroit touring car that goes with it. From the percentage as compiled by the Cleveland News and the Atlanta Constitution, they only show a difference of .06 (six tenths of 1 per cent.) for the final count, Cobb being 384.15, Lajoie 384.00.

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FOREST HILL ITEMS.

Locals and Personals of an Interesting Nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Arrowood spent Saturday and Sunday in Bessemer City with relatives.

Mr. R. F. Coble, of Alta Vista, Va., spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with his family.

Mrs. E. C. Geddie has returned to her home in the city after spending several weeks in Fayetteville where she was treated by a specialist. We are glad to note that she is greatly improved in health.

Mr. Wm. Goldston, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Mr. E. T. Goldston.

Mr. Wm. Sherwood, of Spray, and who is a former resident of Concord, has returned to this city to make it his home. He has a position with the Locke Cotton Mills.

Mr. Ed Goldston, of Spray, spent last week in the city with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Goldston, on McGill street.

WESTERN STANLY.

The nice showers of rain are very welcome.

Mr. E. Barbee and son, made a business trip to Albemarle this week.

Master Clarence Casper, of Albemarle, is spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burris.

Messrs. Dave and J. Yough and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Connel are in Monroe today.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Love and little daughter, Evelyn, spent Monday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Barbee visited in Concord last week.

Picking cotton is the order of the day and "corn shuckings" are the order of the night.

Miss Annie Yough is suffering right much with a sprained ankle.

Miss Crete Barbee and brother, Newton, attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Liberty church, near Monroe, last Sunday and Monday.

Pearl Burris has returned to his work in Albemarle.

Mrs. J. T. Kennedy and little boys visited relatives at Big Lick Sunday.

Mr. Foster Hankins, of Lexington, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

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