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OKLAHOMA TOWN DISAPPEARS.

LOSS OF PROPERTY AMOUNTS TO HALF A MILLION.

Cyclone Leaves Only Four Houses to Fifteen Hundred Inhabitants --Killed, Thirty-five; Injured One Hundred and Sixty.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 31.—Chandler, an interior boom town fifty one miles from Guthrie is a mass of ruins. At six o'clock last evening a cyclone, dealing death and destruction to everything in its path, swept down upon the town and almost completely wiped it off the face of the earth. Of the 1,500 inhabitants, thirty-five were killed outright, and fully 170 were injured. Of the latter it is thought ten will die, and twenty-four others are in a dangerous condition. The remainder of the population is homeless. The Presbyterian church, Mitchell's hotel and two other buildings are all that remain standing.

These have been turned to hospitals. The property loss will aggregate half a million dollars.

There are not half enough coffins to bury the dead. The storm came from the southwest, almost without a moment's warning and across the town, first demolished the business district, then laid low the residence portion and passing on, spent itself in the open prairie. The wrecks of the buildings took fire, and in a short time an awful holocaust followed.

Many of the injured buried in the ruins were burned to death before help arrived. The people were slow to recover from the shock of the calamity, and not until noon to-day did anything like system prevail in the work of relief. At 11 o'clock to-night particulars are meagre. Save one slow working telephone wire out of Chandler, and but one telegraph wire from Guthrie, the town is practically cut off from the outside world.

The storm broke upon the city suddenly. The sky was clear an hour before. Shortly before six o'clock a mass of dark clouds gathered in the southwest and whirl north. It soon developed into a funnel shaped monster and bore down upon the outskirts of the town, as the mass touched the ground the roar was deafening.

The funnel split as it hit the southwest border of Chandler, which is situated on a hill overlooking the Cow Creek valley, and one-half went through the town and then turned north. Before escape was possible the cyclone had passed through the town, tearing through the business districts. Stores were hurled right and left or lifted high in to the air and tossed in every direction. Chief Justice Dale of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, was holding court in the court house, was crowded. He ran with his wife to a hollow. The two were protected by a large boulder and were unhurt.

Don't Do It.

Bill Nye once said: "Do not attempt to cheat an editor out of a year's subscription to his paper, or any other sum, cheat the minister, cheat anybody and everybody, but if you have any regard for future consequences, don't fool the editor. You will be put up for office sometime, or want some public favor for yourself or your friends, and when your luck is a thing of beauty, a joy forever, the editor will open on you, knock your castles into a cocked hat at the first fire. He'll subdue you, and then you'll cuss your stupidity for a driveling idiot, go hire some man to knock you down and kick you for falling."

Boats used in Shaw.

SHAW, Miss., April 5.—Ploughs were running through the fields adjacent to Shaw Saturday. Twenty four hours later boats were running through the business streets. The fields are now from 4 to 6 feet under water. The water is still rising slowly.

ARMENIANS MASSACRED.

American Minister Makes a Demand for Troops to Guard the American Missionaries.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.—It is reported here that disorders have occurred at Kurji, in the vilayet of Britis. It is stated that several Armenians were killed, but no further details are given.

The political outlook is so decidedly uncertain that business in Constantinople has come to a complete stand still. A general feeling of uneasiness prevails and as a result prices at the bourse display a downward tendency. In local stock yesterday there was a heavy decline all round.

The diplomats here have telegraphed to their respective governments the broad lines of the scheme of autonomy for Cretes upon which they agreed. The details of the plan have not been divulged and it is probable that nothing definite concerning it will not be known until the powers pass upon the scheme.

The ambassadors have called the attention of the porte to the fears that are entertained that there will be a massacre of Armenians at Hadjin in Anatolia, which place escaped the fury of the Turks and Kurds during the previous massacres. When the several districts of Anatolia were being ravaged by the Turks some months ago the Hon. A. W. Terrell, the American minister, warned the porte that the United States government would demand the head of the governor of the Hadjin district if any harm should befall the three American lady missionaries who were located in Hadjin.

Mr. Terrell has now resumed his warning and has demanded that a troop of soldiers be detailed to guard the residences of the missionaries.

A Christian governor was appointed for the vilayet of Hadjin three months ago, but has not yet arrived at his post.

Hester's Store.

Good morning, MR. COURIER! How are you?

Our farmers are quite busy just now planting corn; will get through in a few days, and then we'll go fishing.

Mr. N. S. Thompson our popular young merchant at this place keeps things lively but he WILL slip off on a trip South (east) once or twice a week.

Mrs. J. L. Brooks has been on the sick list for several days; hope she will be better soon.

Miss Kayte Hester, one of our best girls, has been at her Grandmother's for the best two or three weeks.

We presume Miss Corinne Brooks had a pleasant horse-back ride last Friday P. M., it was raining, but she "don't mind the rain when the wind don't blow."

Measles not quite played out yet; Mr. B. L. Bradsher's family are giving it a trial.

I'm afraid of the waste-basket, so fare well, dear COURIER.

COLONEL K.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin of Long Reach, West Va. contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over 20 years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Druggists.

Scotland won the championship foot-ball game Saturday defeating England by a score of 2 to 1.

NORTH CAROLINA CULLINGS.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM ALL OVER "OLD NORTH STATE."

Condensed News Picked up Here and There in our Exchanges--Happening of a Week in Readable Form.

At Southern Pines, on April 28th, there will be a "Southern interstate insurance conference" held, to call attention to the immense amount of money that is annually going out of the South for life and accident insurance.

The North Carolina Building and Loan Association, whose headquarters were at Charlotte, has gone into the hands of a receiver.

Judge W. A. Hoke is ill at Morganton.

Nine thousand dollars worth of building is being done in Lumberton this year.

Professor Setzler, of North Carolina college, has resigned to take a course at John Hopkins.

It is said that the State printers are nearly swamped with work; that their presses are running night and day.

Thirty merchants have been indicted in Surry county for not returning their purchase tax.

Adjutant General Cowles is an applicant for the position of Minister to Greece, to succeed Minister Alexander.

The North Carolina rolling exposition car is to be finished by August 1st and will be named for the city that bids highest for that honor. Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville and Charlotte will send in seal bids.

Rev. Thomas Dixon is coming to North Carolina in the fall and will spend some days with his relatives at Shelby.

The sales of fertilizers this season, it is said, will reach nearly \$8,500,000—far beyond the usual amount. This goes out of the State to a great degree, as but few of the fertilizers sold here are made in the State. This, of course is a severe drain on the agricultural wealth of the State.

Governor Russell has appointed as directors of the deaf mute asylum at Morganton, Dr. Henry of Concord, M. L. Reed, of Asheville, L. A. Bristol of Morganton. Two of these are Democrats.

All State insurance (life and fire) licenses expired yesterday and only 44 have renewed. Last year 109 renewed immediately.

The Secretary of Stat has received a number of copies of amendment to the election law. All wanting these, can get them by applying to the Secretary of State.

In a few days a white woman will have finished a twenty years sentence in the penitentiary, but by virtue of good behavior she has gained nearly 3 years time. She will have coming to her about \$95, which is the largest sum any convict has ever received for good behavior.—Press-Visitor.

The oldest convict in the penitentiary died a few days since at the age of 80 years. He was a life prisoner and had served for more than thirty years.

It is stated that W. L. Spoon, of Burlington, who graduated at the University of North Carolina several years ago, has made an invention for which he received ten thousand dollars in cash and ten per cent on all sales.

The white guards at the State farm, on Roanoke river, near Tillery, have this week been replaced by colored men.

There is over 4,000 visitors in Asheville.

The Hickory Times has changed hands.

CUBAN REFORMS AT LAST.

Weyler is Instructed From Madrid to Introduce Them—Peace for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Allen called up the resolutions protesting against the summary execution of Rivera the captured Cuban leader and he is now speaking upon it.

MADRID, April 5.—The government has sent a dispatch to General Weyler instructing him to introduce into the administration of affairs in Cuba the reforms which the cabinet recently agreed to institute on that island. Epoca, the semi-official organ says that negotiations for restoration of peace in Cuba are in progress with every prospect of successful conclusion.

An Affidavit.

This is to certify that on May 11th I walked to Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Chas. H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 10, 1894—Walter Shipman, J. P. For sale by Druggists.

Madrid was gayly decorated Saturday with flags in honor of the victories of the Spanish troops in the Philippine islands.

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Messrs. Jones and Boykin, solicitors for the complainant in the injunction case brought by Mr. W. R. Tucker against Governor Russell and others, in which Judge Simonton issued a restraining order returnable before him at Greensboro, have received a letter from the Judge informing them that he has allowed the defendants 20 days time to file their answer.

The Seaboard Air Line is planting flower gardens at each station along the main line and the agents are at work on these improvements at every place along the line.

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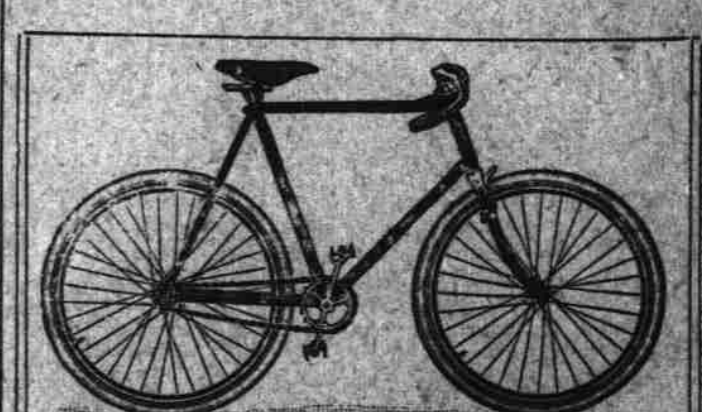
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