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## TERRIFIC STORM VISITS DANVILLE

Damage Will Amount to Between \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Danville, Va., June 19. A cyclonic wind, rain and electrical storm swept over the city yesterday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 inflicting damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$250,000, chiefly in the unroofing and flooding of cotton mills, tobacco factories, storage plants, destruction of trees and shrubbery, chimneys, awnings, porches, telegraph and electric transmission poles and wires. The trolley service of the city was suspended and was tied up for twenty-four hours. The entire telephone service of the city was out of commission and the city was isolated.

The heaviest damage to buildings was in the business section. The storm broke suddenly from north-west. Main street, noted for its heavy shade of old oaks, elms and maples, some of them of gigantic dimensions, was a scene of desolation. The broad residence thoroughfares were blocked at many points by prostrated trees, the telephone and trolley wires and poles. Hundred of the oldest and largest shade trees, of the city, were delinked, torn and up-rooted and filled lawns and streets with wreckage. This heavy shade, however, saved the best residence section by the resistance they offered to the storm.

The White mill of the Riverside Cotton Mill company was unroofed and the automatic sprinklers set going, flooding the building and inflicting heavy loss of stock and machinery.

The tobacco factory of John E. Hughes and company was unroofed and the stock badly damaged. The factory of E. K. Jones and company, leaf tobacco, was unroofed and heavy damage done to the stock.

The Danville Wagon company plant on Craighead street was unroofed and partly wrecked.

A brick tower on Acree's tobacco warehouse was hurled into the street.

One of the factories of Dibrell Brothers, leaf tobacco, was partially unroofed, as was a portion of the plant of the Imperial Tobacco company.

Plant of the Riverside

Overalls company and Milam Medicine company on Floyd and High streets were unroofed and many smaller buildings in various sections were similarly damaged.

## IN THE DARK.

We are just as much in the dark as to what the outcome of the recent Supreme Court tobacco decision will be as ever, and we presume we know as much as any one outside of the officials of the American Tobacco Company. No one knows. It will take time, hard work and brains to work out a plan that will be satisfactory to the government. After it is all arranged and the matter made public, it will no doubt be a simple thing, and the machinery of the great company will move along, and the great tobacco industry will not be injured.

The new York Tobacco Leaf, in its last issue, says: "While it is impossible to forecast accurately what the methods of procedure will be to achieve the situation demanded by the Supreme Court, there seems good reason for believing that the first step in the matter of rehabilitation must be taken by the American Tobacco Company." That concern will in all probability decide upon a plan of operation that will be submitted to the Circuit Court and to the Attorney General's office. Should there be no objection to the method on the part of the government or the court, the matter will be laid before the Supreme Court for approval. If there should be disagreement between the company and the governmental officials, evidence will be taken, and the matter will be submitted to the Supreme Court for discussion, pretty much as any suit or litigation is passed upon by that tribunal. "It is said," continues the Tobacco Leaf, "the American Tobacco Company officials are highly pleased that the reorganization, since it must be made with the assistance of the Court, as the form of operation that is decided upon under such auspices will necessarily have official and governmental sanction."—South ern Tobacco Journal.

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## DOWN ON THE SIDEWALKS.

Mr. Editor:—

I'm only a stranger here and don't suppose I have any real right to ask for space in your paper. But as The Courier is the only paper in Roxboro—also in all Person—and as I have something to say that may interest your readers, I'll just ask you for a few lines so that I may make myself heard and then listen for the echoes.

Roxboro has one of the best locations in all North Carolina. It is the center of a thriving agricultural district, pays out many thousands of dollars each year to the farmers and sells them goods in turn, has some of the best looking women in the State—and the worst sidewalks of any city of its size in the entire country.

No one who is half-way decent cares to kick against a thing when it's down, but your sidewalks are either not down at all else in a number of cases, have been so broken up that they are fit only for kindling wood or making macadamized roadway. One day in a winning town out West, I located a mule's ears sticking out from the mud in the main street and if I'm here next Fall and if it rains as hard as on last Sunday, I expect to find another pair right here in Roxboro, unless the streets are plastered over in the meantime with something more substantial than mud.

But just now I am more concerned over those sidewalks. They look like an "army" of Central American revolutionists, without a presentable front, lacking in uniformity and ready to fall to pieces. The other night I stubbed an off toe against a scantling supposed to be a part of a sidewalk and was compelled to consult a drug store for repairs. As the matter now stands, I have a good legal claim against the city on the ground of mental anguish and damage to my footwear, but if I had broken my neck I could sue the city for a large amount and get a verdict, especially if the jury were made up from people who come here occasionally and suffer as I did and do. Even the judge would sympathize with the jury and the plaintiff—and if the grand jury were in session he might order an indictment against the city for maintaining a public nuisance.

No, Mr. Editor, I'm not joking. Far from it, as Dr. Cook said to the North Pole. In fact, I'm in deadly earnest and if I ruin any more feet on those alleged sidewalks I'll present a bill to the city and make it even larger than the bump on my off toe which is now bigger than the foot itself and is growing bigger every minute. It may grow so big in fact, that I can't find room to get out of town, when I'd become a charge on the city and cost it more money than would be needed to lay a line of self-respecting sidewalks.

Hopefully yours,  
A. S. TRANGER.  
Roxboro, June 19, 1911.

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JNO. A. NOELL.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

Roanoke, Va., June 13, 1911. Special. There are many millions of idle land in the South, but there is really no need why we allow it is simply a question of getting people in to the South. Why that's the veriest platitude, you say. Of course it is. It is one of those certainties which, by oft repetition, grows trite, until we go into action.

Getting people into the Southern States has grown into a question because we have been speculating, instead of working to settle it.

We have tried to make it a public matter when it is, in fact, a work for us as individuals. We know absolutely that no great work is accomplished in any other way, but somehow we have made immigration a matter of mystery. For years past we have seen an annual inflow of millions of foreigners into the United States. Some of them we have desired to bring into the Southern States, but have not proceeded very far in doing it. Now how come the foreigners to set out for our shores? What was the beginning point of his wish to come to this country? Just this; some individual already here wrote him a letter, that's all. Some one personally advertised this country to his friends and relatives in his home country, and they came. Anything easier to be understood than that? Do you not begin to "catch the point" of the "Back Home" movement? If the Italians, Hungarians, Poles, Greeks, Armenians and Russians can, by personal letters, bring hundreds of thousands of their countrymen to this country every year, can we not take the trouble of writing to our acquaintances in the north, west and northwest about present conditions and opportunities here in the South? It is useless to debate whether it will do any good or not, just DO IT.

## Not A Dead Letter.

Recent seizures of whiskey—in Mooresville, Asheville and Hendersonville, in particular—would seem to indicate a belief has gone abroad that the prohibition law in this state is a thing that can now be defied and little or no attention paid to the defiance. That, or there is a general and almost an open movement in contempt of the law. Again, it has been published that some of the near-beer dealers will take out government license and continue business, replacing near-beer with a new article manufactured for the purpose. Their protestations that they will handle nothing contrary to the law, is plainly negated in their application for Federal revenue license. If they intend to operate within the prohibition law, they have no need of a revenue license. But we were going to say that those who think they may see a laxity in the enforcement of the prohibition law of the state are going to find themselves mistaken. The very boldness of recent operations will tend to a crusade that will result in a general clean-up in the state. The prohibition law in North Carolina is by no means a dead letter. True, the penalty does not amount to much more than confiscation and a fine, but continued violations will have but one result, and that will be the imposition of penalties of sufficient severity to put a stop to the blind tiger traffic.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year shows a steady growth in this institution devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina.

The College last year had a total enrollment of 909 students. Eighty-seven of the ninety-eight counties of the State had representative in the student body. Nine-tenths of all the graduates of this institution have taught or are now teaching in the schools of

North Carolina.

The dormitories are furnished by the State and board is provided at actual cost. Two hundred appointments with free tuition, apportioned among the several counties according to school population, will be awarded to applicants about the middle of July. Student who wish to attend this institution next year should make application as early as possible, as the capacity of the dormitories is limited.

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