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## COTTON MILLS DESTROYED.

### Terrible Flood Sweeps Everything Before It.

#### Awful Destruction of Property and Loss of Life on the Pacolet River in South Carolina—Cotton Mills Destroyed and Operatives Drowned.

The following from the Charlotte Observer tells the awful story of the awful floods near Spartanburg, South Carolina, last Saturday morning:

As a result of the heavy rains six cotton mills—the Clifton Mills Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the Glendale Mill and the Pacolet Mills Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (the Pacolet Mills Nos. 1 and 2 are one plant) have been swept away.

The Southern Railway bridges near Spartanburg, S. C., have been destroyed and three other bridges are badly damaged; there are washouts at a dozen places along the main line in the Piedmont section, and at Landrum, S. C., 18 miles of track are submerged and partially ruined.

The sudden and unexpected rise in the Pacolet river was the direct cause of most of the disaster. On this stream are located the Clifton and Pacolet mills, the Glendale Mills being on Lawson's Fork. All the plants are within a radius of seven miles of Spartanburg.

For 36 hours prior to Saturday morning the Pacolet river had shown the effect of the continuous rains, but the river, swollen as it was, did not cause any apprehension Friday night. The mills were, on an average, about ten feet above water level; they had stood the test of many freshets and were thought to be safe against any torrent.

But if all accounts are to be believed, there was a veritable cloudburst Saturday morning at about 6 o'clock, and the river rose, visibly, higher and higher. In two hours, it is declared, the river rose 50 feet, making it 60 feet higher than the usual water level.

Before this fierce tide the mills went like straw. The first to go were the Pacolet Mills Nos. 1 and 2, a plant that is near Pacolet station, on the Columbus & Asheville branch of the Southern Railway. Half a mile down the river stood the Pacolet Mill No. 3, a smaller mill than Nos. 1 and 2, and that, also, was torn to wreckage and carried away in the stream.

Of the Clifton Mills No. 1 was first destroyed, and was soon followed by No. 3.

Clifton No. 3, the largest of the mills that were lost, was situated at Converse station, six miles north of Spartanburg, on the Southern Railway.

The mill stood 200 yards above the trestle. For an hour it resolutely withstood the mad onslaught of water, and then gave way, gradually, throwing into the current large pieces of timber that seriously injured and threatened to destroy the big trestle at Converse station.

The steel bridge over Lawson's Fork on the Pacolet river near Spartanburg has gone. It was one span and was 350 feet long, including the approaches.

The bridge over the Middle Tiger river, between Duncan and Wellford, is destroyed. It was three spans and 142 feet long.

The bridge over North Tiger river cannot be used. It is damaged, though the full extent of the injury cannot be ascertained yet.

The big bridge over the Pacolet river, six or seven miles this side of Spartanburg, is said by railway officials to be very unsafe. It is still standing against the fierce tide, but is badly damaged and is in a very serious condition.

The bridge over the Pacolet river is 107 feet high, one of the highest bridges on the Southern system. It is 342 feet long and made of steel.

The Pacolet Mills had 156,000 spindles; the Clifton Mills, 112,

000; the new Glendale 30,000 spindles, making a total of 306,000 spindles and a total of nearly 8,000 looms, according to the estimates made by Capt. J. H. Sloan and other well-known cotton mill men who were seen by an Observer reporter last night. This estimate makes the mills worth over \$6,000,000.

Spartanburg, S. C., June 8.—Fifty-eight is the death record to-night. Three bodies were recovered this afternoon along the river bank under the sands and debris. Besides the known dead, from 10 to 15 operatives are unaccounted for.

The material losses aggregate between \$4,000,000 and \$4,500,000, which includes the estimates on everything known to have felt the effects of the floods.

Funds for the relief of destitute and homeless are coming in from all parts of the country, insurance companies, wholesale concerns and fraternal orders responding by wire. President Twitchell has received \$3,000 from business houses North. The grand total of contributions to storm sufferers at the Clifton mills and the Pacolet up to 10:30 p. m. was \$10,168.24.

## MR. BAILEY'S HOME BURNED.

### Midnight Fire at Kenly Causes a Loss of \$3,000—Insurance \$1,700.

Kenly, N. C., June 10—Our townsman Mr. W. T. Bailey sustained a very serious loss on the night of the 8th Inst, in the complete destruction by fire of his handsome residence on Alford Avenue. The fire originated in milk house attached to back of dwelling and is supposed to have been caused by rats igniting matches, possibly in bundle of carpet in closet attached.

His loss is estimated at \$3,000 with \$1,700 insurance. Our people made a generous response to the alarm of fire and by good work managed to save a portion of his furniture. The most serious part of the accident at one time was, that one of the children in the excitement had been left in one of the rooms asleep and no one knew it, as it had been stated that all were out of the house, until cries from the little one was heard.

By this time the room was enveloped in smoke with the flames approaching very near. But thanks to the heroic efforts of Mr. H. F. Edgerton and J. W. Darden the little one was saved. By the time Mr. Edgerton reached the child he had ceased crying on account of suffocation by the dense smoke.

Mr. Edgerton was almost overcome by the smoke himself and but for the assistance of Mr. Darden they both might have been lost. Therefore we were reminded of the fact that under all trials and afflictions there is cause for thanksgiving. "It might have been worse."

## FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams, of this place, are attending the commencement exercises at Trinity College this week.

The musical entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grady Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Kate Casey, who was visiting there, was highly enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning we were visited by the heaviest rain this place has ever witnessed. It was almost a cloud burst. The fields are washed in gullies and the crops are washed completely off of acres of land.

Well, Dame Rumor missed the mark when she said that Mr. D. H. Sanders was to be married Sunday, May 31st, but after keeping his anxious friends in suspense for so long, he drove in Sunday evening from Mr. John Lassiter's with his accomplished daughter, Miss Lowie, as his bride. The knot was tied at ten o'clock Sunday morning. We wish them a long and happy married life.

## STATE NEWS NOTES.

### Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

Rowan county has sold \$25,000 of bonds authorized by act of the last Legislature. They brought 104%.

B. F. Covington, a prominent citizen of Anson county, shot and killed himself Sunday. His mind has been impaired for some time.

Out of a total of 107 who stood the examination before the North Carolina Medical board, held at Hot Springs last week, 76 passed.

A bridge spanning Sandy Creek in Franklinsville township, Randolph county, gave way Thursday and two hacks and ten persons were precipitated 20 feet into the water. Only one man and a horse were hurt.

The Philippine commission at Manila has applied to President Winston, of the A. and M. College, to receive five Philippine youths for education in agriculture and mechanic arts. For lack of room President Winston has been forced to decline to receive them. The expenses are to be paid by the government.

An election was held in Macon county Saturday, May 30th, under an act of the Legislature, on the question of the adoption of a compulsory school law. The county voted, by a majority of 84, in favor of the law and Macon will soon be the first county in the State to make the experiment of compulsory school attendance.

The dead body of D. A. Munn, a one-legged Confederate veteran, was found in the bushes in the suburbs of High Point Sunday. The body was partially decomposed and a pathetic letter found by it told that the old man had taken laudanum through despondency. He said he was unable to get work and was too proud to beg or to live on the charity of his children.

The State Board of Education has adopted for use in the public schools in the State a text book on Agriculture, written by Profs. Burkett, Stephens and Hill, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The book is both simple and comprehensive. It will serve also for a book on nature study. The authors claim that real nature study is a preparation for agriculture, and that the two should go together.

## EARPSBORO.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Vocal union at Lee's Chapel last Sunday.

Mr. J. Brantley Richardson, of the Corinth section, visited relatives near here Sunday.

We were delighted to have Mr. A. G. Wilder and sister, Miss Myrtle, of the Emit section, with us last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Hales who has been confined to her room for the past two weeks with fever, is still quite sick. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Our pastor, Dr. R. H. Whitaker, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, failed to fill his appointments here and at Watkin's Chapel on last Sunday. We are glad to learn that he is improving.

Our farmers seem somewhat encouraged since the rain. Some of them were beginning to have the "blues" over the long dry "spell." They couldn't find much work to do and the crops were suffering badly for rain. Now they find plenty of work to do. "JUMBO."

## Driven To Desperation.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## DROUGHT DRIVEN OUT.

### West Had a Little too Much Rain but the Favorable Weather Has Made a Great Improvement Generally.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section of the Climatic and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau for the week ending Monday, June 8, 1903, says:

"Rain in generous amounts occurred during the past week nearly everywhere, so that drought no longer prevails to any serious extent in North Carolina. Precipitation fell chiefly from the 4th to 7th and was heaviest in the western portion, and in some northern counties, where excessive rain washed soil badly (Rutherford and Henderson counties) and caused streams to overflow, but the small damage done is overbalanced by the favorable effect of abundant moisture on growing crops. A general improvement in all crops is reported. The number of rainy days was too frequent in the west, interfering with farm work, and in that section crops are becoming a little grassy, though over most of the State they were clean and well cultivated and in condition to respond to favorable weather. The first of the week was quite cool, and the latter part warmer, and on the whole the temperature was below normal. Vegetation is now showing evidence of more rapid growth, and crops, though very small, are more healthy in appearance."

"Some cotton is not yet up, but generally abundant moisture brought most of the seeds up, and stands have improved; as regards size the plants average nearly thirty days; chopping is proceeding actively, and most of the cotton has been cultivated once; cool weather prevented rapid growth. Corn is doing well; the plants are small but healthy in appearance, and damage by cut and bud worms seems to be limited to stiff bottom lands; cultivation is well advanced; there is very little more corn to be planted. The week was especially favorable for transplanting tobacco which progressed rapidly; drought caused early set plants in the east to bud or button quite low, so that more farmers have cut plants back; the condition of early set tobacco is not very good. Spring oats have improved somewhat since the rains, which came too late for winter wheat and oats; rye is good; harvesting is proceeding rather slowly. Gardens have improved; cabbages are heading nicely; the shipments of Irish potatoes continue from eastern counties, with fair yields. Meadows are in better condition. Apples will be plentiful, peaches and plums are beginning to ripen, also blackberries and dewberries. Peanuts are doing well, but the entire crop has not yet been planted. A large number of sweet potato slips were set during the week."

## Lee-Morgan.

On last Wednesday evening, at the bride's parents, Mr. W. J. Morgan, Mr. J. T. Lee and Miss Aldonia Morgan were married, S. M. Johnson tying the nuptial knot. After the ceremony they returned to Benson where they will make their future home. Mr. Lee is one of Benson's successful merchants and has gained many friends by his many favors.

Miss Morgan is one of Johnston's most successful teachers and one of Turlington Institute's student.

This writer wishes them a happy and prosperous life.

T. J. W.

## That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents money back if not cured. Sold by Hood Bros., Druggists.

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

### Some of the Week's Events Scissored and Condensed from the Press.

The dead in the Topeka flood are now known to number 78.

The damage by the flood in South Carolina is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Norfolk is shipping to the Western cities 4,000 barrels of cabbages a day.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$25,000 additional to complete the Washington City Public Library.

President Roosevelt will visit Cleveland, Ohio, next week, to attend the marriage of Senator Hanna's daughter.

The assembling of Admiral Evans' squadron in Chinese waters is taken to mean trouble is likely to occur in that vicinity.

Eppinger & Co., of San Francisco, one of the largest grain dealing firms in the United States, have failed, with liabilities over \$1,000,000.

Charles D. Bird, Democrat, was chosen Mayor of Wilmington, Del., in Saturday's election, and the Democrats carried the Council—10 to 3.

The latest report from the steamship collision Sunday afternoon near Marseilles, France, gives the number dead at 187, all on board the steamer Libanon.

The Federal grand jury in Washington has returned an indictment against ex-Superintendent of Free Delivery August W. Machen, charging him with receiving profit from a Government contract. His bond was placed at \$20,000.

The Hamburg American liner Batavia arrived in New York Monday morning from Hamburg and Bologna. She brought 2854 steerage passengers—the greatest number ever brought to that port on one vessel. She will discharge her cargo at Baltimore and Boston.

Noah Bates, a negro upon whom sentence of death had been passed, committed suicide by hanging himself in the county jail at Selma, Ala., Friday night. Bates shot and killed his brother's wife at Marion junction six months ago. His case had been appealed to the Supreme Court.

## Coats-Thompson.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. G. Thompson, Mr. Walter Coats and Miss Geneva Thompson were happily united in marriage in the presence of a few friends and relatives Sunday, June 7, at 2 p. m.

In response to the wedding march which was sweetly rendered by Miss Minnie Johnson, the happy couple entered the parlor which had been beautifully decorated with ferns and roses.

Attendants: Mr. Joe Stephenson with Miss Esther Creech, Mr. Arrie Langdon with Miss Addie Vinson.

The bride was attired in a gown of french organdy tastefully trimmed with laces and ribbon.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Suttle in a simple but very impressive manner. After the ceremony the entire bridal party attended church at Pisgah.

Immediately after church the newly married couple left for the home of the groom accompanied by the bride's father and mother, besides a few other relatives and friends, where a most sumptuous supper awaited them. The table was presided over by Mrs. Ella Creech.

Their many friends wish for them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## SOME POLITICAL CHAT.

### Maj. Steadman Mentioned for Governor—Rumored That Glenn Will Oppose Kitchin.

Greensboro, June 6.—If a political rumor originates anywhere in the State it hurries to Greensboro. The railroad station here is the highest point in North Carolina for political news or gossip. The town is centrally located. If a Tar Heel would go anywhere, North or South, he must pass through the Gate City.

Mr. Clarence Call, of Wilkes county, was here to-day. He says that the Hon. Romulus Z. Linney is a candidate for Congress in "de ate." The old war horse has pulled off his coat and will give Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn a run for his money. Mr. Linney has declared that, if nominated by his party, he will meet his Democratic opponent on the stump. The Bull of the Brushies seems to be in a fighting mood. He is wearing a chip on his shoulder and is hunting for trouble. He does not think that Mr. Blackburn, who has moved out of the district, is entitled to the nomination. Mr. Linney is this very week shaking hands with the patriots in the State of Wilkes. There is a hot time coming in "de ate."

Maj. Charles Manly Stedman, of Guilford, is going to give somebody trouble. It is not denied by his friends that he will be a candidate for Governor at the next Democratic convention. His friends, and their name is legion, say that he is the ideal man. He was Lieutenant-Governor at a time when the State Senate was full of splendid fellows who have since developed into prominent men. Many of these are certain to be among the Greensboro man's most loyal supporters. Maj. Stedman is a clean man, a polished gentleman, a rounded scholar and a popular fellow. Greensboro has claims and she will ask for the nomination of Maj. Stedman. Just the mere rumor that Maj. Stedman would be in the race has brought hundreds of letters from prominent politicians and admirers from all parts of the State. Maj. Stedman was born in Chatham, lived in Wilmington and practiced law in Asheville and Greensboro. He is well and favorably known. If he enters the contest, and his friends are certain that he will at the proper time, somebody will suffer.

I got hold of a most interesting bit of gossip here this afternoon. It is to this effect: Mr. B. Glenn, of Winston, may enter the field against W. W. Kitchin in this district. Mr. Glenn may not know of this, but some of his most loyal friends are talking it. If he does come out against Kitchin there will be a lively time in the fifth.

E. L. Travis, of Halifax is mentioned for the place that R. D. Gilmer, of Haywood, holds. It is said that he will be out for the attorney generalship. He is a mighty shrewd wire-puller and likes to go to battle.

All of this is on the side, but it is dead straight. The election is a long ways off, but the aspirant who fails to lay his pipes early will get left. It is said here that the Farmers' Alliance will endorse Col. John S. Cunningham for Governor.—H. E. C. B. in Charlotte Observer.

## Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonsville, Va., serves an example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctor-ed all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.