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The Weather: SHOWERS.

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## HAIL STORM A SEMI-TORNADO

That Is The Designation Given Washington's Blow By The Weather Bureau.

THE DAMAGE WAS \$150,000

A Giant Elm Planted By President Hayes One Of The Many Uprooted.

Washington, August 1.—Latest figures indicate that the damage wrought by Wednesday's storm will not exceed \$150,000, according to reports made to the Police Department. These figures do not include injuries to trees.

Two men were killed and 34 persons injured. It is believed that many more received slight injuries. Walter E. Hilton, vice-president of the B. J. Saul Company whose building collapsed, and Thomas Fealy, a tinner, were the ones killed.

At the Weather Bureau it was stated that the storm was a semi-tornado and was brought about by the heat of the last few days. Those who watched the approach of the storm say that two immense clouds came together and soon after began whirling around. It is estimated that at its height the wind reached a velocity of 75 miles an hour. In many places it swept so close to the ground as to break and turn over tombstones.

The greatest damage, however, was done to trees. The White House grounds were devastated and in many places immense trees were torn up from the roots.

Only two houses were demolished. Roofs of many others were partly blown off and porches and chimneys blown down. Streets and walks were covered with broken tree branches, pieces of glass and boards.

Hail that accompanied the storm ranged in size from moth balls to eggs. Windows and skylights were smashed.

The storm played many curious pranks in its brief career. A heavy moving van, waiting in the rear of a fashionable apartment house was caught by the wind and turned on end, the three horses attached to it being suspended in the air by their collars and were nearly strangled before they could be lowered to the ground.

A number of persons endeavoring to leave a street car had a narrow escape from being run down by a heavy automobile which came tearing down the street impelled by the wind and without a chauffeur or other occupants.

Lightning struck a house in Anacostia, passed through three bedrooms and in each room the only damage done was the breaking of the looking glasses in the bureaus.

Among the many historic trees on the White House lawn destroyed was the giant elm planted by President Hayes, which was torn from its roots and fell across the Presidential drive near the portico. The McKinley oak and the Harrison sweet gum weathered the storm, as did the Cleveland elm.

It was estimated that fully 1,000 cords of wood were obtainable from the damaged trees and the White House gardener was instructed to offer the wood to the poor.

NEW BLOOD FAILS TO SAVE.

Leight Middleton Dies Despite Five Transfusions From Relatives.

New York, Aug. 1.—Five offerings of blood by members of the wealthy Middleton family failed to save the life of Leight Bourne Middleton, who died this afternoon.

For 10 days he had been at death's door with aplastic anemia, or poverty of blood, which frequent transfusions were unable to appease. His father, brother, wife, cousin and a college mate all poured their blood in his veins within 10 days.

Young Middleton was first stricken while on his wedding trip, two months ago. His bride gave 15 per cent. of her blood supply, and his mother wanted to add a quantity of her blood to that already sacrificed, but physicians forbade it.

The regular communion service will be held tomorrow, August 3, at the Church of Christ, Hancock street, at 11 o'clock as heretofore. Sunday school at usual hour.

## RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE.

Building At Power Plant Will Be Completed Soon.

Rapid progress is being made in the erection of the structure which will cover the city's electric light and water plant. The workmen have been somewhat retarded on account of the fact that it was necessary to tear down the former structure as the new one progressed and they have been somewhat retarded on this account. H. S. Hancock, the contractor who has the work in charge, stated to a Journal reporter yesterday, the building would in all probability be completed by the latter part of the present month.

## WILL PROSECUTE JEWELRY TRUST

BUT MATTER MAY BE SETTLED BY WINDING UP CONSPIRACY.

Washington, August 1.—One hundred and sixty manufacturing and jobbing jewelers in the United States face criminal prosecution by the Department of Justice for violating the first section of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. They are charged by the department with having entered into a conspiracy to force the sale of all jewelry to retail merchants through jobbers.

So wrought up are the manufacturing and jobbing jewelers over the attitude of the department that they sent Fred G. Thealle of the C. H. Knight-Therale Company of Chicago, President of their association; Thomas A. Fernley, Secretary, and Felix Levy, of New York, counsel, to see the Attorney-General, and they were closeted with Assistant Attorney-General Fowler and Assistant United States District Attorney Claude A. Thompson of New York for more than two hours.

The Department of Justice had indicated that criminal prosecution was planned. A Federal Grand Jury in New York examined several witnesses and the United States Attorney's office there prepared a case. In the meantime the Department of Justice prepared a suit in equity.

The Department of Justice was told that the syndicate jewelers were responsible for the manufacturers' and jobbers' forming the alleged conspiracy. The manufacturers charged that the syndicate men worked under the following system:

The principal retail jeweller in each city was induced to pay the syndicate operator \$10 a year. For this the operator would sell him jewelry at wholesale prices.

The jobbers charged that this ruined their trade. They entered into an agreement with the manufacturers, it is asserted, whereby the latter were to refuse and refuse to sell to the syndicate dealers, thus forcing the retail merchants to buy from the jobbers. Theatres and his associates are said to have admitted this to Mr. Fowler, but to have agreed to stop the practice if the Department of Justice would not prosecute them criminally or civilly. No agreement was reached.

CROXTON DEPARTS, LEARD ARRIVES.

Thursday's Norfolk-Ledger Dispatch says:

"H. S. Leard the new general passenger agent of the Norfolk Southern, will arrive in the city tomorrow morning and will enter at once on his new duties. Mr. Leard has not yet decided where he will live, and will not move his family to Norfolk until October."

"Mr. Croxton, the outgoing officer, left this morning for Atlanta by way of Raleigh, and will probably get to the Carolina Capital in time to have a short conference with Mr. Leard before he leaves for Norfolk."

"The appointment of Mr. Leard as general passenger agent goes into effect tomorrow."

The remains of Mrs. Laura A. Miller, wife of William C. Miller, of Baird's Creek, who died at Stewart's Sanatorium late Thursday afternoon, were yesterday taken to Baird's Creek for interment. The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday afternoon and the remains laid at rest in the family burying ground.

## VERY COSTLY TO VALUE RAILROAD

Experts Say Uncle Sam's Bill For Doing This Would Be Fifteen Millions.

TAKE FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS

Immediate Appropriation Of A Million And A Half Asked By Commerce Commission.

Washington, August 1.—Physical valuation of the railroads of the United States by the Inter-state Commerce Commission will take from five to seven years by a specially organized corps of men and will cost the Government from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 or more, according to plans of the commission presented to the House Appropriations Committee. The Commission has asked for an immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the organization of the corps of engineers necessary to undertake the work.

Commissioners Clements and Prouty and Secretary George B. McGinty, of the commission, have told the House appropriations committees that a carefully worked out estimate places the cost of the field work at \$1,901,500 a year throughout that period.

The plan presented by Mr. McGinty contemplates the division of the country into five districts, containing approximately 50,000 miles of railroad each.

Mr. McGinty explained to the committee that the estimated cost a year of each of these district organizations, with their groups of field quads, would be about \$384,300, or a total a year for the five districts of nearly \$2,000,000. In addition to this he estimated that the accounting feature of the work would cost about \$350,000 a year, and that the maintenance of a valuation office in Washington would cost probably \$150,000 a year.

Although the committee was skeptical, Mr. McGinty was confident that the commission would be able to get the field force organized through the Civil Service Commission by the first of next year to take care of the first year's work. It was for this purpose, he said, that the commission needed \$1,500,000.

Mr. McGinty mentioned cases where it cost from \$3 to \$75 a mile to ascertain the value of railroads.

"In all of these cases only the reproduction value of the road was ascertained," he continued, "whereas we are required to ascertain the reproduction value, the depreciated value and, in addition, to work out the history of the roads and ascertain the amount of money invested in their original construction. The total cost to the Government will probably exceed \$50 a mile, or a total cost of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, but of course, this is only a guess."

LITTLE WHISKEY BEING SENT HERE

SHIPMENTS HAVE DECREASED FIFTY PER CENT IN PAST TWO MONTHS.

In the past month or two shipments of whiskey coming into New Bern via the Southern Express Company have decreased at least fifty per cent.

During the first few months of the year there was an average of one hundred packages, each containing four quarts of spirituous cement, arriving in New Bern each day from Virginia. It was often necessary to use two of the large trucks to transport it from the express car to the office. However, neither the warm weather nor recently enacted laws is conducive to getting "tanked" up on some brand of rye or corn liquor and it is often the case of late that not more than half a truck load of the wet goods arrives during the day.

With the decrease of the whiskey shipments the number of crates and barrels of beer has increased.

J. F. Duncan, of Beaufort, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

## THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION ENDS

Annual Gathering Of N. C. Good Roads Association Was Complete Success.

DELEGATES WELL PLEASSED

Selection Of Place Of Next Meeting Left With The Executive Committee.

(Special to the Journal.)

Morehead City, August 1.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, which convened here yesterday morning came to a close this afternoon and many of the delegates departed on the afternoon train for their respective homes.

The convention was a success from every standpoint and all who attended were greatly pleased and received material benefit. The principal address of today's session was made by Hon. Jesse Taylor, President of the Ohio Good Roads Federation and Vice-President of the National Highway Association. This was greatly enjoyed by every delegate who heard this gifted speaker.

The major part of the afternoon session was taken up with the reports of the various committees. The matter of selecting the place of the next meeting was left to the Executive Committee and will be decided upon later. Durham, Pinehurst and Jackson Springs want this meeting and it is more than probable that the latter place will be selected.

Many of the delegates had never before visited Morehead City and these spent a part of the afternoon in making an inspection of the town and in making trips to the wireless station and laboratory. A number of delegates will remain in town until Monday.

STUCK NAIL IN HIS FOOT.

County Commissioner J. D. Williams Painfully Injured.

J. D. Williams, a member of Craven county's Board of Commissioners, was painfully injured a few days ago when he stepped on a nail and it penetrated his foot.

Mr. Williams had just driven up to his home in his automobile, and was in the act of alighting from his machine, when the accident occurred. He later came to New Bern and had the wound dressed by Dr. Raymond Pollock. Unless some unexpected complication occurs Mr. Williams' physician does not think there will be any serious results from the wound.

NEW YORKER SEES PROGRESS HERE

NORTHERN MILL MAN SAYS MANY NICE THINGS ABOUT NEW BERN.

After spending several days in this section looking after the interests of the East Carolina Lumber Company, of which he is president, Charles H. Turner returned yesterday to his home at New York, N. Y.

Mr. Turner was much impressed with the rapid strides in progress which New Bern is making and said that in his estimation the city would soon be one of the largest and most prosperous in the State.

Mr. Turner is naturally greatly interested in the progress made by the East Carolina Lumber Company which has been in operation for only a few months and he said that their operations so far had been very successful and that the prospects for the future were most encouraging. This company owns large tracts of timber lands in this part of the State, particularly in Pamlico county where they have a logging camp and own a railroad twelve miles in length.

## ABDOMEN SKIN SAVES HAND.

X-ray Expert Had Lost Fingers Through Infection.

Baltimore, August 1.—Wearing the skin of his abdomen on his right hand, Dr. Frederick H. Baetjer of this city, one of the best known X-ray experts of the country, is recovering from a remarkable operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

To save his hand the four fingers of which were amputated a year ago, following an infection caused by X-rays, a piece of skin the shape of the maimed hand was turned back from the abdomen, the injured hand bound tightly to the wound and the skin laid over it. It is believed that Dr. Baetjer's hand will be sound and whole save for the missing fingers.

## WANT WALKER ROAD IMPROVED

BEAUFORT COUNTY MEN HERE SECURING SIGNATURES TO PETITIONS.

S. T. Wall and W. L. Gaskins, of Edward, Beaufort county, were in the city yesterday. They are both earnest advocates of the improvement of the Walker road so that the people of Edward and that section generally can get to New Bern by travelling a distance of only fourteen miles instead of twenty-five miles.

They came to New Bern over the new and shorter route but said that the recent heavy rains made the road in rather bad condition. Mr. Wall secured a number of signatures to his petition asking the Craven county commissioners to improve the section of the road leading via Spring Hope church to the Walker road at the Beaufort county line. The portion of the route that lies in Beaufort county has already been put in good condition.

Mr. Wall said that the people were exceedingly anxious to have a short and passable route to New Bern as they liked to trade here and to bring their produce here. They thought it a little singular that so little concern is felt here over the securing of a road into a section of country that would prove a valuable feeder for this city.

TODAY'S PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS

We have an unusually good program of pictures today. Read the list over and see how you like it.

"The First Prize"  
A nautical drama by Lubin.

"The Stolen Melody"  
A tale of harmony and plagiarism, showing that a rascal reaped a just punishment. This is one of Selig's latest dramas, featuring Kathryn Williams.

"Alkali Ike's Misfortunes."  
A side splitting, hilarious Western comedy, featuring Augustus Carney the "Gibraltar of Fun."

Special for Monday.  
"The Life and Adventures of Buffalo Bill."

The King of Scouts, in three (3) reels, 3,000 feet, acted by Col. W. F. Cody, 500 real Indians, cow boys and soldiers.

The greatest frontier production ever produced in motion pictures. Replete with thrilling battles and heroic deeds. This great picture will be shown in addition to our usual three reel program, making six (6) reels of pictures, all for our regular price of admission, 5c. and 10c. Matinee daily at 5 o'clock, continuous show at night commencing at 8 o'clock.

The Athens if the coolest place in town. Plenty of fans and ice water.

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Wood-Lane Drug Co.—Rigaud's famous Trentini toilet preparations.

People's Bank—Persistent saving. New Bern Banking & Trust Co.—A strong bank. National Bank—Have a business home.

Citizen's Savings Bank & Trust Co.—An individual executor.

Dr. Ernest W. Dunn—Carlsbad Electric Light Bath. Farley & Childress—Showing of suits today at the Gaston Hotel.

## BRANIFF WORKING ON OWN HOOK

Goes To Mexican Capital To Promote A Plan To Restore Peace.

HUERTA MAY BE OBSTINATE

Will Suggest That A Free Election For The Presidency Be Held.

Washington, August 1.—Oscar J. Braniff left yesterday morning for Mexico City via Key West and Havana. He will arrive at Veracruz on Aug. 5 and proceed immediately to the Mexican capital to promote his plan to restore peace through the selection of a compromise candidate for the Presidency.

Washington will await with interest the result of Braniff's homegoing, because it recognizes that powerful financial interests in Mexico not entangled with either faction are supporting Braniff's propaganda.

The impression has obtained here in some quarters that Braniff came as a personal representative of Huerta. This he denied, and avowed repeatedly that he was working entirely on his own initiative as a volunteer peacemaker.

He said that before leaving he was not going to ask Huerta to withdraw from the Presidency pending the holding of an election, but would suggest that Huerta issue a statement at once announcing that he would permit the holding of a free election and that he would not himself be a candidate for the Presidency in violation of the Mexican Constitution.

Mr. Braniff and those working with him believe that if Huerta so declares himself the Constitutionalists may consider favorably the proposals for peace. Mr. Braniff suggested that if the Constitutionalists have the sympathy of 90 per cent. of the Mexican people, as they claim, they should not fear to stop fighting and agree to an election.

The Washington Government fears that Huerta, if his armies have been successful as recently reported, will not consider any compromise. Mr. Braniff said that he would lay the situation frankly before Huerta and advise him of the state of public opinion in the United States. He expressed admiration for the patience and fairness of the American people in dealing with the Mexican situation.

Those who know intimately the standing of the Braniff's in Mexico say that the volunteer peace commissioner will not varnish the facts even for the Provisional President whose title is clouded by charges of treason and murder. They are relying upon Braniff's experience as intermediary between Diaz and Madero in 1911 to assist him now in inducing Huerta to accept a compromise.

Oscar Braniff and his four brothers resident of Mexico have not been involved deeply in the work and politics of the old Diaz regime.

Their father, Thomas Braniff, was a Staten Islander before going to Mexico to build the first railroad in that country. One son, George Braniff, is an American citizen. Another, Laurence adopted the nationality of his mother, who was of the Spanish nobility, and now bears the title of the Marquis of Moharrando.

Oscar J. Braniff is thirty-six, and is an enthusiastic sportsman, a pianist and a composer besides being a banker and one of the largest of Mexico's many big farmers. He is the leader of the agrarian reform movement in Mexico.

Thomas Braniff, thirty-four, is the active politician of the family, being a member of the Mexican Congress. Albert Braniff, twenty-seven, is a colonel in the Mexican army. He led 1,000 volunteers against Orozco while Huerta was the commander of President Madero's army. Arthur Braniff, thirty-one, has not made himself conspicuous in business or politics.

MRS. PARK MORRIS DEAD.

Mrs. Park Morris, of Askin, died of typhoid fever yesterday afternoon at her home. She was twenty-three years of age and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth A. Everington, of Askin. The funeral will take place today at Galilee church, the burial following in the family burying ground at the church.

Odie Everington, a brother of Mrs. Morris, is at Fairview Sanatorium seriously ill with typhoid fever.