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TRUTH, LIKE A TORCH, THE MORE IT'S SHOOK IT SHINES.

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Oh, Foolish Heart.

Oh, foolish heart, why feel
In pain a pleasure,
And banish smiles to find
In tears a treasure?
Why seek the cruel thorns
Beneath the roses;
Why harbor thoughts of night
Before day closes?

The joys of life, at best,
Are far too fleeting,
That thou should haste the hour
Of grief's sad greeting,
Sufficient to the day
Is its sorrow;
For the pleasures of to-day
May pall to-morrow.
—Jerome B. Bell.

TUESDAY'S CYCLONE.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES AND UNTOLD PROPERTY LOST.

The Great Cyclone of the 19th--Fuller Reports From The Carolinas and Georgia--Whole Towns Swept Away--The Terrible Story in Detail.

[Condensed from Greenville News.]
IN THIS SECTION.

L. Foster, brother of B. A. Foster, got here from the upper part of Pickens yesterday. He furnishes some additional particulars of the work of the cyclone in the upper part of Pickens near his store. He says that his outbuildings were unroofed but no other serious damage done.

The outbuildings and stock of Griffin Hendricks were swept away, but his dwelling only badly damaged, the chimneys being blown over and the roof crushed in as if tremendous weight had fallen upon it. All the furniture in the house was broken to pieces. Mr. Hendricks was absent as were several of his children who had not returned from school. Mrs. Hendricks and the child who remained at home took refuge in a log shed and escaped injury.

The outbuildings on the farms of Capt. Manon Jones and J. H. Banks are blown down. The dining room and kitchen of Henry Williams' dwelling are unroofed. Mr. Foster said the track of the storm was very narrow, seeming to be only a few hundred yards wide.

The Pumpkintown road is also blocked by trees, but hands have been already ordered out and the fallen timber will soon disappear.

At Looper's at 5:30, p. m., the tornado struck, and traveled from North-west to South-east, tak-

ing everything in its track, about 1-fourth of a mile wide, destroying houses, barns, cribs, and fences. No lives as yet reported lost.

[From the Anderson Intelligencer]

About half-past 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening the attention of our citizens was called to the fact that a shower of rain was approaching by several vivid flashes of lightning, and sharp peals of thunder. At the first approach of the cloud a slight shower of rain, in large drops, mixed with hail fell, accompanied by a severe blow, which, however, did no harm. Back of this cloud, which was black and threatening, a clear streak of golden light appeared, and persons thought a clear sunset would follow.

In a few moments, however, another cloud followed and rapidly assumed a more angry and threatening appearance—the great currents of wind and rain flying in every direction, with black clouds above crossing white strata, which seemed to be boiling up beneath. Two or three clear reverberating claps of thunder in quick succession seemed to form the storm center a little South-west of the city of Anderson, and all the seething mass of clouds rushed to join the devastating force, and forming a huge black mass dipping down nearly to the earth, in a funnel shape, shot off in an easterly direction, revolving and roaring in a fearful manner. It came with perfect torrents of rain, and leveled trees, fences and houses in its track. Soon after it started the cloud burst and formed into 2 or more funnels, each of which carried devastation and ruin before it. The tornadoes proper, passed about one and a half miles North and 4 miles South of Anderson and proceeded East and North-east.

The storm did its work quickly and was gone, but the wreck the tornado made surpasses any calamity that has visited our county in the last half century. As is usual in such cases, the storm did not sweep uniformly upon the earth but would strike with devastating force for a few hundred yards, and then, and as if to gather fresh power from the raging elements, would rise and make its course for some distance through the air, returning again to leave additional wrecks to mark its course. In the path of its greatest fury scarcely a large tree was left standing, and acres of felled forest may be found to-day to show the force of this storm. Houses were shattered as playthings before its power, and huge timbers carried for hundreds of yards before the raging winds, or lifted and driven

into the ground with superhuman power.

As far as we are able to learn the tornado seems to have commenced its deadly work at or near Master's mill, about three or four miles southwest of the city, its track being between a quarter and a half mile in width. It swept everything before it, traveling in a north-easterly direction.

On Mr. John Hall's place, the chimneys of his dwelling house, all his outhouses and one or 2 tenant houses were blown down. No one hurt.

W. D. Hall's stables were damaged.

Mrs. P. A. Masters, dwelling house was slightly damaged, and 2 tenant houses destroyed. No one hurt.

Two outhouses on J. H. Masters' place were torn down. No one hurt.

H. C. Crawford's dwelling house chimneys were blown down, as also were three outhouses. No one hurt.

The dwelling house of John Brooks, the miller at Masters' mill, was blown down. Mr. Brooks, two women and three children were in the house, which was blown off at the floor. Mr. Brooks was killed by a falling timber, his head and face being bruised. He was found lying on top of the wreck which was scattered on both sides. The women and children ran out into the orchard and caught hold of some peach-trees, where they remained until the storm was over. None of them were injured.

J. M. Keys' dwelling house, outhouses and three tenant houses were blown down. His stables were also destroyed, though the stock escaped injury. No one hurt on his place.

In addition to this, considerable damage was done on the plantations of T. J. McClure and Oliver Bolt, where two gin houses and two or three tenant houses were blown down.

Extending further east and northeast considerable damage was done. Two tenant houses were blown down upon W. C. Pearman's place.

On Wm. Shirley's the outbuildings and two tenant houses were blown down.

On W. J. Robbins' place, on Broadway, two tenant houses were blown down.

Two outhouses were destroyed on Mr. Crosby's place.

The storm did no extensive damage in the city. The tin roof over the storeroom of W. S. Ligon & Co. was torn up on the northwest corner. No damage was done to their goods.

A two room kitchen, just com-

pleted on L. L. Green's lot, on South Main street, was thrown off of its foundation at one end, but the timbers remained together.

The colored Methodist Church, which was in process of erection, the building having been framed and ready for the weather-boarding, was destroyed.

In various portions of the city considerable fencing is destroyed, and a number of trees uprooted.

The storm did most destruction just one mile from the city, destroying the dwelling houses of R. W. Todd, our County School Commissioner, J. L. Fant and Miss Anna Wilcox, the latter's being to the ground.

The main portion of Mr. Todd's house was left standing, the upper half-story and roof being carried off. The glass in the windows of the lower story were shattered, in several rooms the sash blown out. The furniture was badly damaged and broken up. As soon as the occupants could escape from the house, they got out and lay on the ground, preferring to be in the rainfall rather than risk the house. None of them got hurt.

A large tree fell across Miss Wilcox's house. The furniture was broken and scattered in every direction. Mrs. Chatfield, Miss Wilcox's sister, was the only person in the house at the time. She heard the storm approaching and got up to close the door, when in an instant the crash came. It seems impossible for her to have escaped a horrible death. However, she came off with only a slight bruise.

Mr. Fant's house was left in about the same condition as Mr. Todd's. His household goods are also badly damaged and broken. His family were all in the house, but none of them injured. Mr. Fant's stables were uplifted and torn asunder, but he escaped without a scratch.

A large untenanted house recently occupied by Joe Lee, colored, was also unroofed.

The scene in this immediate neighborhood on Wednesday morning was terrible. The track of the tornado did not appear to have been more than a quarter of a mile wide, and Miss Wilcox's residence seems to have been about in the center.

Pieces of furniture, clothing and timbers were carried several hundred yards off. All the trees of any size was uprooted.

A small tenant house on H. O. Herrick's place was unroofed. The occupants were not injured.

Several tenant houses on J. W. Thompson's place were blown down. A negro man and three children were painfully injured by

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