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## EVERE STORM IN MICHIGAN.

### Child Killed in Home by Lightning—Many Barns Fired by Electric Bolts

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—A severe rain and electrical storm which swept over lower Michigan early last night was followed by a windstorm of unusual violence and many accidents and at least one death have been reported.

Near Ionia, lightning shot into a farm house along a telephone wire and killed 3-year-old Benjamin Helmer and severely shocked two other children. Dozens of barns in western Michigan were set fire by lightning.

The wind has averaged from fifty miles an hour in the western part of the State to as high as sixty-six miles in this city. One child was severely injured on Michigan avenue here by a sign blowing down on her.

### Tornado in Mississippi—Fire Persons Killed.

Aberdeen, Miss., April 7.—Five persons are known to have been killed, four others injured and still others are buried under the debris of the Illinois General depot, which was demolished by a tornado which swept through the city of Aberdeen tonight.

The storm, while of short duration, was of great velocity, and besides demolishing the depot, damaged a number of other buildings.

### Hurricane and Lightning do Damage in Ohio.

Toledo, O., April 7.—Hundreds of men out of work, thousands of dollars damage done and many persons slightly injured are the results of a hurricane that visited Toledo and vicinity today.

In small towns near Toledo considerable damage was done. Many houses were struck by lightning and the occupants stunned, but there are no reports of fatalities.

#### HURRICANE IN ONTARIO

London, Ontario, April 7.—Six persons were injured, one fatally, a financial loss of fully \$50,000 was entailed by a north-west hurricane which passed over this city today. At the Aberdeen public school a tall chimney crashed through the roof, imprisoning 300 pupils and creating a panic. Mary Laburtis, aged 9 years, was fatally injured, and four other pupils were severely hurt.

### Young Ladies in Runaway at Fort Mill.

Fort Mill Times:—A runaway scrape in which Misses Loma Howie, Minnie Bailes and Mamie McKain narrowly escaped serious injury took place Saturday afternoon near the Millfort mill. The young ladies were out for an afternoon ride and upon reaching a point near the mill the horse became frightened and made a dash up Railroad street. The young ladies were thrown from the buggy and Misses Howie and McKain were considerably bruised, while Miss Bailes sustained a sprained ankle. The buggy was demolished.

### Chester's Wife Slayer Captured in Alabama--Now in Chester Jail.

Chester Lantern: Deputy Sheriff Dye went to Opelika, Ala., on 41 Sunday night and came back this morning with the negro murderer James Stevenson. Stevenson had hired on a farm there and the sheriff of Lee county, Ala., J. L. Moon, had been tipped off about him by some railroad people and he notified Sheriff Colvin. Deputy Dye arrived with the prisoner this morning and lodged him in jail. He was the one arrested at Columbus, Ga., and turned loose. He will be kept strictly confined and held for trial.

Stevenson says that he tarried around and near the scene of the crime and the second day bought a ticket at Blackstock and went via Columbia. He would not talk much. It will be recalled that he killed his wife and wounded her father a few weeks ago in the Roseville neighborhood and escaped. Sheriff Colvin and Deputy Sheriff Dye have kept up a persistent hunt for him and like they always do laud the criminals finally. They are both doing mighty good work and in their hands the affairs of the country are safe.

### Butlers Convicted.

#### Former United States Senator from North Carolina and His Brother Found Guilty of Criminal Libel.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 7.—Former United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, were convicted in Guilford superior court today of criminally libeling Republican State Chairman S. B. Adams by the publication in The Caucasian, a weekly news paper owned and operated by the Butlers, of serious allegations against Adams' integrity and honesty.

Adams' acts as chief justice of the Indian court in Oklahoma in 1905 were severely condemned by the paper in its fight against Adams' reelection as chairman of the Republican State executive committee. The trial lasted six days, was hard fought and created widespread interest.

Judge Long imposed a fine of \$500 upon Marion Butler and \$250 upon Lester Butler. A motion for a new trial was overruled and notice of appeal to the supreme court was given, the defendants being released on bond in the sum of \$1,000 each.

### Alabama's Prohibition Law Upheld by Courts.

Montgomery, Ala., April 7.—The Supreme Court has declared the State prohibition law valid, all the judges concurring in the opinion. This is the second time the court has upheld the State-wide act of the past Legislature. It was attacked on several constitutional grounds.

The Alabama State-wide prohibition law went into effect January 1. It is understood now that the officers will begin a campaign for the enforcement of the act. Heretofore they have been very lax, because of the doubt about its validity. The opinion was rendered by Justice Anderson.

### Blount Convicted.

#### Prosperous Louisiana Merchant Found Guilty of Horrible Crime--Particulars of Tragedy Recalled.

Amite City, April 7.—This afternoon the jury in the case of Avery Blount, charged with the murder of J. O. Breeland, Mrs. Breeland and Mrs. Joe Everette, brought in a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

The verdict carries the death penalty. Blount, a prosperous merchant of Tickfaw, was indicted on the charge of murdering "Buz" Breeland, Mrs. Breeland and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Joe Everette, and was tried first on the separate indictment of "Buz" Breeland's killing.

The killing of the Breelands and Mrs. Everette was one of the most horrible crimes ever committed in the State. The tragedy occurred on the night of Jan. 22, near Tickfaw, several miles south of Amite City. Breeland and his wife were bringing their daughter, Mrs. Everette, from her former home in Livingston parish to live with them near Tickfaw. Mrs. Everette's husband had been killed by Ben Kuchan a few days before. Breeland was shot from ambush. He was on foot and the two women were riding in a buggy.

According to Breeland's dying statement, Avery Blount, accompanied by some other person, then leveled guns on Mrs. Breeland and her daughter. The latter held her young baby in her arms. The elder woman was first shot and killed. Mrs. Everette, in the mean time, was beseeching the assassins to spare her baby's life.

Her supplications finally resulted in the child's being taken from her arms and laid by the roadside. The mother was then shot to death.

### Judge T. J. Mackey Dead.

Judge Thomas J. Mackey, who was judge of this judicial circuit during "Radical days", died in a Washington hospital Wednesday night. In noting the fact, Mr. Zach McGee, the Columbia State's Washington correspondent, says "the judge died, from all appearances, in abject poverty. He got a pension of \$20 a month, which seemed to be about all he had."

Judge Mackey, it will be recalled, actively supported Hampton in the memorable campaign of '76. He was a veteran of three wars—Mexican, Seminole and Civil. While on his deathbed the venerable judge requested that his name be engraved "upon the old iron palmetto tree on the State house grounds, which commemorates the deeds of the Palmetto regiment."

### Killed Her Brother-in-law.

Roanoke, Va., April 7.—Henry W. Amos, a Buena Vista business man, was shot and killed today by his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Campbell, in the latter's home as a result of a domestic quarrel.

Do you have that dark brown taste in your mouth every morning when you wake? If so, you are bilious and should take two or three of those little BLOODING LIVER PILLS, easy to take, never sicken, weaken or grip, 25c mailed by The Blooding Co., Inc., Boston, Mass. Crawford Bros., Special Agents. 49-74

### "Giving and Tithing"

#### Ex-Mayor W. C. Thomson's Excellent Address Before a Large Audience in Camden.

Waterloo Messenger.

Mr. W. C. Thomson, of Lancaster, delivered an address in the Baptist church Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience on the subject of giving and tithing. Mr. Thomson is held in high esteem by all who know him, and he was listened to with peculiar interest because of his real worth, and believes absolutely what he preaches. In his address Sunday night he laid down several very distinct principles upon this important subject. First, he took the position that every one was due God one day out of seven; second, every one was due God at least ten per cent of their increase. Any less was to rob Him. It was the duty of every one to pay to God ten per cent, and anything in excess of this was giving. You do not give anything until you have first paid ten per cent. These statements were clear-cut and were backed up by the Bible. Mr. Thomson also spoke of the manner of raising money for God's work, such as church fairs, bazars and the like, and he condemned these methods. They were not the right methods, as he clearly pointed out. The address throughout was one of the most practical along this line that we have ever listened to and we feel sure it will be productive of good—just what Mr. Thomson desires it shall be. There is no one better qualified to speak upon such a subject within the range of our acquaintance than is Mr. Thomson, for he has followed religiously this course for a number of years.

### Congressman Lever Wins Fight Upon Potash Tax.

Washington special in the Columbia Record: After a week of diplomatic activity, Representative Lever of South Carolina today won a decided victory for the farmers of his State and the South. Following his representations as to the effect of the potential duty of 20 per cent on potash and potash salts, the ways and means committee today promised Mr. Lever to remove by committee amendments the offensive paragraph from the bill.

The victory of the South Carolinian will mean something over a quarter of a million dollars a year to the farmers of South Carolina alone, while to the South as a whole it will mean more than \$2,000,000.

### Jordan Says Cotton Association is Dead.

Atlanta, April 8.—According to former President Harvie Jordan, the Southern Cotton association, which created such widespread interest throughout the South some time ago, is dead, and has been since its last meeting, in Dallas, Tex., in January, 1908.

Following its demise an effort was made to organize another association, known as the National Cotton association, of which Mr. Jordan is president, but which he states is inactive now, and does not know when there will be called a meeting of its executive committee or its membership.

### Death in Rock Hill of Mrs. W. M. Gregory, a Native of Lancaster County.

Rock Hill Herald: Mrs. Emma Gregory, wife of Mr. William M. Gregory, of this city, died about 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning after a very brief illness, neuralgia being the cause of death. Mrs. Gregory had been complaining for a few days but her condition did not become at all serious until about 24 hours before her death. She was about 48 years of age and besides her husband, leaves two children, Mr. W. C. and G. W. Gregory, who run a confectionery store on railroad avenue. Mrs. Gregory was a native of Lancaster county and is survived by one sister residing in that county, Mrs. Jense Mungo.

The funeral exercises were conducted at the home on Ray street Sunday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock by Rev. R. T. Marsh, pastor of the deceased. The burial was in Laurelwood cemetery.

### Unjust Criticism

#### Prominent Citizen Being Censured Under Misapprehension on Part of Public—Matter Fully Explained.

We learn that Mr. W. C. Thomson is being criticised by some citizens for leasing as secretary and treasurer of the Lancaster Cotton mills a plot of land outside the corporate limits to the "Great Georgia United Shows" for use next week for exhibition purposes. We happen to be familiar with the facts and we unhesitatingly say that in our judgment the criticism of Mr. Thomson is altogether unjust. Before renting the lot to the show people he had it distinctly and clearly understood that the show in every particular must be clean, decent and unobjectionable from any standpoint—no immoral conduct nor gambling devices to be allowed.

After hearing however, that there was some objection to the show's coming to Lancaster at all, Mr. Thomson endeavored to get the show company to agree to cancel the lease of the lot, telegraphing the parties in relation thereto and asking them for what consideration would they consent to do so. The parties declined, but renewed their pledges as to the good character of the performances, as will be seen from the following extract from their letter, written from Bessemer City, N. C.:

"Your telegram received and of course you received my answer.

Mr. Thomson, I can most assuredly and honestly write you that we have no objectionable shows nor games with us. No girl shows, nor any snake eating show. What we have, you can take your mother, wife or child to see with perfect safety and propriety. We have a good electric and vaudeville show, handled by ladies and gentlemen; a good, clean and up-to-date plantation show; a good, small animal show which is instructive for both young and old. Then we have a good snake exhibit. (No eating show.)

Now what objection could there be to such as that? For games, have racks and shooting gallery, and such as that. And a tin type gallery. I am sure you could find nothing wrong in them. We are playing under the auspices of the Band here."

Mr. Thomson is going to see that the parties carry out strictly their contract and assurances as to the unobjectionableness of the shows.

### APPEAL TO FARMERS.

#### President Harris of Farmers' Union Urges Members to Diversify Crops.

Columbia special in Thursday's Charlotte Observer: President Harris, of the State Farmers' Union, today issued a strong statement to the members of the union and the farmers generally over the State urging diversification of crops as a cure for low-priced cotton, the remedy which Congressman Lever, a member of the agricultural committee of the Federal House of Representatives, and the Federal Agricultural experts have been arguing for several years, and which the press of the State has been pleading for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Harris urges the planting of at least 35 per cent of cotton lands in food crops. He shows in detail how the farmer who has been buying corn has been swapping \$1 for 50 cents on a cash transaction and \$1 for 25 cents on a lien basis. He says he has met over fifty farmers recently who had raised corn for 35 cents a bushel and as many as fifteen who had raised it for less than 20 cents a bushel. Mr. Harris is an expert live stock man himself, and he contends that mules which are now selling for from \$200 to \$250 can be raised in South Carolina for \$100, and hog meat which is bringing 12½ cents can be produced for 3 cents on South Carolina farms. He says he took dinner with a South Carolina farmer recently who fed him on Armour cured bacon, tomatoes canned in Baltimore and turnip greens bought elsewhere. This was a cotton planter. A similar planter he saw go into a grocery store and pay \$1.10 for corn, \$7 for a barrel of flour, 12½ cents a pound for bacon and \$23 for a ton of hay.

### Georgia Boy's Attempt to Blackmail Wealthy Citizen of Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., April 7.—"It was just a fool notion I got from reading dime novels," said Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., the 18-year-old boy who was jailed here last night for having attempted to extort \$35,000 from Asa G. Candler, prominent banker and Georgia's wealthiest citizen, through black hand methods.

The young man at first told the police that he had been forced by three strangers to write letters to Mr. Candler, demanding the money. He now admits that the scheme was of his own concoction.

Johnson wrote the second letter Sunday repeating his threats of death to Mr. Candler in case of his non-compliance, and went then to church and took his regular place in Mr. Candler's Sunday school class.

### Rocky Creek Plant to be Completed next Week.

Mr. W. T. Jackson, of Great Falls, who is in the city today, says some of the employees of the Southern Power company at the Rocky Creek plant have been served with notice to the effect that their services will not be needed after the 15th instant, as the plant is to be completed by that date. A great many of the employes on the works and several members of the office force have secured positions at Jackson, Ga.—Chester Reporter.