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YOUR DUTY.

Almost every merchant in town was heavily hit by the terrible tornado Friday afternoon. At first it was thought that the entire stocks of goods were absolutely destroyed, but out of the wreckage large quantities of goods have been recovered.

The business portion of the town has been practically wiped out, but all merchants have opened up in temporary quarters and are endeavoring to dispose of the merchandise that was left.

We are sure that throughout the county there is profound sympathy for the stricken merchants. Sympathy cannot replace the enormous damage sustained, but every citizen of the county can in a measure help in a financial way, and at the same time obtain value received.

We desire to make an earnest appeal to all citizens of the county to come to Manning and do their shopping. If you have never traded in Manning before, DO SO NOW. Every dollar spent here will be that much help.

The property loss is estimated at over two hundred thousand dollars. That much of taxable property has been destroyed. It must be replaced. It is the duty of every citizen of the county to come to the aid of their fellow citizens by making their purchases here.

A larger and better Manning will arise from the ruins. Let everybody in the county do his duty, patronize the stricken merchants; everybody who spends a dollar here will be doing that much in the work of rebuilding. This appeal is to you and we believe that you will respond.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

The end of the European war seems further off now than it did last winter. Lord Kitchener said that when the spring opened up and his great army of a million men landed in France, that they would speedily break the German lines and drive the Germans back into their own territory, forcing them to sue for peace.

The Germans in the western area have broken the French and British lines and fortified themselves on the other side of the Ypres Canal, and all the efforts so far have been unavailing to dislodge them.

The Germans seem to have employed their time during the winter in making themselves as comfortable as possible and devising new methods of warfare. By the use of an asphyxiating gas they drive the allies out of their trenches and occupy them themselves.

On the Russian battle lines probably the greatest military genius has been developed—Hindenberg. He has before this twice defeated the Russians, capturing enormous numbers of

men and quantities of munitions of war. The Austrian army is commanded by German generals, and they took the Russians by bringing large reinforcements from Germany to the aid of the Austrians. We suppose that the horrible atrocities committed by the Cossacks—men and officers—against the women of East Prussia, makes the fighting in this part of the war area intensely bitter.

It looks very much as if the success of Germany has prevented Italy from entering the war, as the Allies confidently expected.

The human mind can hardly take in the enormous territory over which this war is raging. More than a thousand miles away the Mohammedans and Russians are fighting between the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea, while another army of Turks and Asiatics, said to be a million strong, somewhere in Central Asia is preparing to strike at the Suez Canal.

Aside from the humanitarian aspect, the South is immensely interested on account of the effect that it will have on the price of cotton. There has been a slump in prices following the order promulgated by the British Ministry against the re-exportation of cotton from the British Isles to any countries except France and Italy. The submarine blockade by Germany renders it equally as dangerous to get cotton into England, so that, with the surplus of the present crop, and the coming crop, it looks as if our State Warehouse system will be needed more than ever to enable us to carry our cotton until the markets are opened up at the close of the war.

In the meantime, Japan has presented an ultimatum to China which virtually gives her control of that vast empire, with its 300,000,000 people. The United States and England both have treaties with China guaranteeing the integrity of the Chinese Empire. China is a non-military nation, and has appealed to our country and England to maintain this solemn treaty. It looks very much as if Japan had taken advantage of this war situation to violate all of her treaty rights and force western nations out of the Pacific. Secretary Bryan has made a statement that the United States will not tolerate the violation of her treaty with China; so that, unless something is done, the United States must either back down and lose caste and influence as an international power, or deliver an ultimatum to Japan and be prepared to back it up. Altogether a surface view indicates the prolongation and enlargement of this war, rather than its end.

We note that Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, is very outspoken in demanding that the Federal Administration take some positive action about the order of the British government prohibiting the exports of cotton. We think it is about time that our representatives in congress from the South were asserting themselves in behalf of our great staple. Last fall we had nothing but promises and talk, and certainly the attitude of the administration has been one of weakness and indcision. It is the duty of our Senators and Representatives to demand that the commercial and treaty rights of the United States be faithfully observed. No nation has the monopoly of the great ocean highways.

A Tribute to Love.

We the members of the B. Y. P. U. realizing a deep sense of personal loss in the removal to a higher sphere of more abundant life, the soul of our sister worker Miss Clara Baggett, and while we mourn her tragic death, we realize that our loss is her gain. Desiring to express in a feeble way some degree of our appreciation of her life among us, and her work as a member of our Young Peoples Union. Be it therefore resolved:

That our Union has lost from this earth one of its most faithful members and the community a true Christian in the removal by death of Miss Baggett, and we desire that a pure of our minute book be inscribed to the memory of our deceased member, and that these resolutions be spread upon our minute book, and a copy sent to her family and to the local papers for publication.

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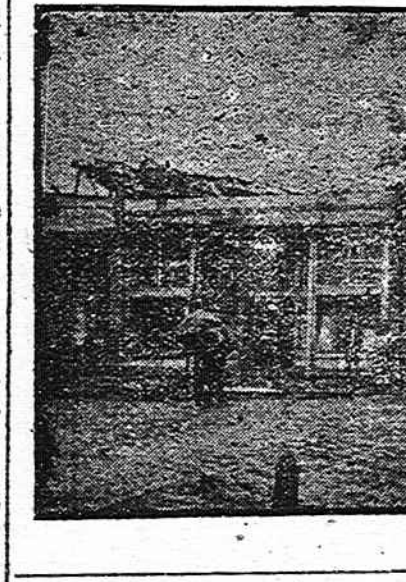
CYCLONE CAUSES A QUARTER OF MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGE.

PROPERTY DESTROYED, LIVES LOST, SEVERAL INJURED, TREES RUINED, TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC LIGHT LINES DEMOLISHED, AND BUSINESS DEMORIALIZED.

Just about 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon, May 7th 1915, the worst disaster which has ever befallen Clarendon county came almost in the twinkling of an eye, when a great cyclone swooped down in the centre of the town of Manning. The day will go into history as one to be remembered and reckoned, like the night of the 31st of August 1886, when the bowels of the earth groaned, the surface shook and trembled, and buildings rocked and swayed and people were panic stricken. But the net result of that fearful disaster to lives and property in Clarendon county was small to compare with what the cyclone did in Manning last Friday afternoon. Three persons were killed, and a number badly injured, horses were killed, houses and stores were blown down, stocks of goods almost demolished, trees torn down, and debris carried for miles.

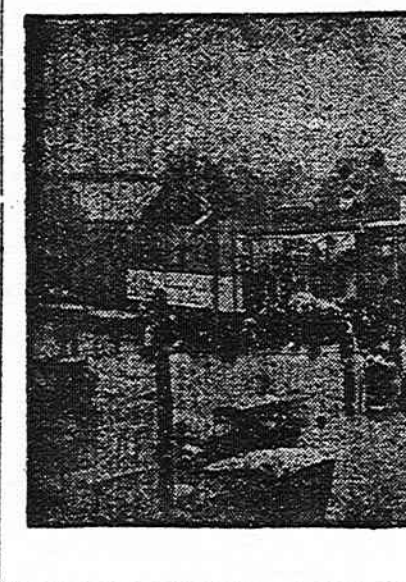
When the big dark blue cloud seemed to slowly assemble in West, and extended all the way from north-west to south-west, it was hailed with welcome and delight, as people were wishing for more rain, and only those who were more easily alarmed by disturbances among nature's elements, had any cause to fear. The cloud seemed to move forward in normal innocence, when presently there could be heard a roaring in the south-west, apparently up in the air, but the great width of the cloud did not indicate more than a general blow and a rushing of air usually incident to such conditions. But as the large drops of rain began to patter down and were hailed with welcome, or about thirty seconds afterwards, the great circling, whirling, rushing cyclone seemed to swoop down from the south-west, like a mighty ball which had been struck somewhere in that direction and went bounding and bounding along in its route of destruction, with the centre of the town of Manning as one of the places where it chose to hit the ground and then bound again in the air and go rapidly in its north-eastward direction. The real cyclone came so quickly, and the path of its course was so narrow, that people in the southern and northern ends of the town had no idea that anything so unusual was happening, and in fact were startled and shocked when told that the blow was severe enough to blow down trees and buildings. It came down about the section of the residences of Treasurer Wells, Mr. W. T. Sprott and Mr. W. R. White, and in the street there many trees were blown down and torn up. It seemed to lift itself over the residence of Mrs. Ingram Bagnal, to immediately descend again and lay flat the old dispensary building and almost completely demolish the large brick sales and feed stables of Coffey and Rigby, killing or fatally damaging two horses. Part of the front of the stables of D. M. Bradham and Son was blown down, Dr. Charles B. Gaiger's office and Capt. W. C. Davis' office came in for severe damage, a large warehouse of the Manning Hardware Company was blown down and numerous small buildings in that block were blown down or more or less badly damaged. But the most intense severity of destruction and disaster to life and property seemed to be reserved for the strictly business blocks of the town. In the store known as the Nettles building, or the old Jenkinson store, the Manning Dry Goods Company, composed of Mr. T. Morgan Davis and his son-in-law, Herman DuBrow, had lately opened business with a new stock of goods, and this building was blown in from the second story and completely wrecked. Dr. J. E. Arant's drug store was completely wrecked; as he and his little boy miraculously escaped. In the Davis DuBrow store two persons, Mr. Beasley Davis and Tom Carter, a negro porter, about 18 years old, were killed, while many others were badly injured by falling brick walls and timbers. At this building and in the Katzoff and New Idea Company store were the places where the most heart sickening spectacles were presented. Miss

Clara Baggett being also killed in the latter building. It was a sight to make the strongest hearts sick with grief as the winds went bounding away to be followed by torrents of rain, and in these buildings human beings were mashed and covered up, groans and cries could be heard coming from under the brick and mortar and timbers, nobody knowing how many were buried beneath the debris, while heroic men rushed in and risked danger to their lives from falling walls and timbers and dug faithfully until way after night trying to rescue the bodies in the Davis building the dead bodies of Beasley Davis and the porter Tom Carter were taken out, and T. Morgan Davis, G. M. Smith, Joseph Graham of Foreston, and two negro women were dug out of the ruins, Her-DuBrow also making a narrow



escape. On the other corner of the block in the Katzoff store the scene was also a heart-rending one, as Miss Clara Baggett was killed or died as she was being taken out, while her sister Miss Julia Baggett, was found helpless close by her and Miss Annie Thames was taken out of the wreckage badly injured. When the gust of destruction came, Morris Ness, the manager of the business was in the second story closing the windows, and how he escaped nobody can explain, but as he got to the ground his cries were immediately heard calling for help to save the ladies from the ruined building. Over at the Davis building it was equally touching to see the solitude on the part of Messrs. DuBrow and T. M. Davis in wanting the others covered under the wreckage to be rescued first. Over at the Coffey and Rigby stable Mr. Maynard Davis had just gone in and was badly injured by falling timbers striking his face and back, and scrambled out in a dazed condition and was trying to get home in the torrents of rain as he was called into another building. Dr. Ned Barron had also dashed into the stable with his horse and buggy and as the building fell in he managed to back out unhurt. Mr. J. W. Rigby had gone in the country and Mr. Coffey was up street when the building collapsed, so that none of the regular occupants of this building were in when the crash came. The two story frame building of Israel James on Depot street

and building badly damaged. Dr. Geiger's office, badly damaged. Coffey and Rigby's stable, demolished, and heavy damage to buggies, wagons, feed stuff, two horses lost. Old Dispensary building, owned by D. M. Bradham, completely blown down. Stables of Bradham and Sons, front of buildings blown down. Mrs. I. I. Bagnal's residence, chimneys down and roof damaged.



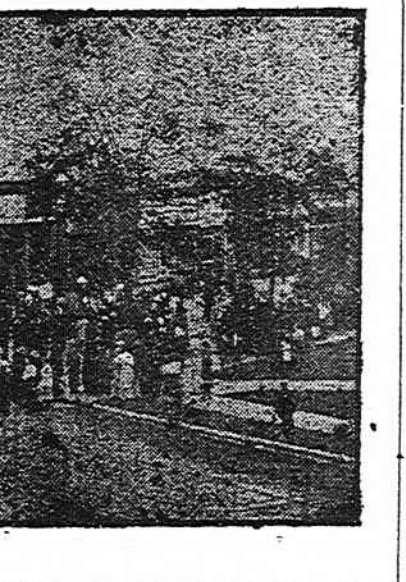
was blown down while a woman and a number of children were in it, but somehow they were uninjured. The list of dead is as follows: Beasley Davis, Miss Clara Baggett, and Tommy Carter, colored. The list of injured, as can best be obtained, is as follows: T. Morgan Davis, painful injuries to shoulder and arm. Maynard Davis, cut in face and injuries to back and hips.

Herman DuBrow, cuts about head and face. Joseph Graham of Foreston, painful injuries to head. Miss Annie Thames, slight. John P. Thames, slight. Morris Ness, slight, cuts in head. G. M. Smith, ankle crushed and injuries to chest. Two negro women, names not obtained, injuries about shoulders. S. Katzoff and Mrs. Katzoff, bruises and other injuries. Miss Julia Baggett, serious injuries. A. S. Jenkins, cut in hand. Ben Cantej, cut on neck. J. E. Reardon, hurt in chest. Jake Iseman, cut on forehead. It is out of the question to give a detailed account of the property damage, or its extent, but the following is a partial summary:

New Idea Co., stock of \$20,000 heavy loss. The building owned by J. Lawson McLeod, complete wreck. S. Katzoff, stock of \$12,000 heavily damaged. Building owned by J. Lawson McLeod, complete wreck. Dickson's Drug Store, stock of \$5,000 badly damaged. Building owned by Dr. Dickson, completely wrecked. D. Hirschmann, store roof damaged, stock slightly damaged. Five, Ten, twenty five cents store, stock and roof slightly damaged. T. Nimmer, roof damaged. Player Furniture Co., roof destroyed and considerable damage to stock. Candy Kitchen, roof partly destroyed. Manning Auto Supply Co., roof damaged, front blown out. B. A. Johnson, roof destroyed and stock damaged. Bank of Clarendon, roof destroyed. Arant's Drug Store, building destroyed and stock of goods terribly damaged and glasses broken. Dr. Arant is perhaps the heaviest loser in the storm, proportionately. Manning Dry Goods Company store owned by Rev. S. A. Nettles, destroyed, stock of goods heavily damaged, carried 12 to 15 thousand dollars. Manning Hardware Company, warehouse blown down, plate glass broken, store unroofed. Peoples Bank, roof badly damaged. W. C. Davis, law office, roof

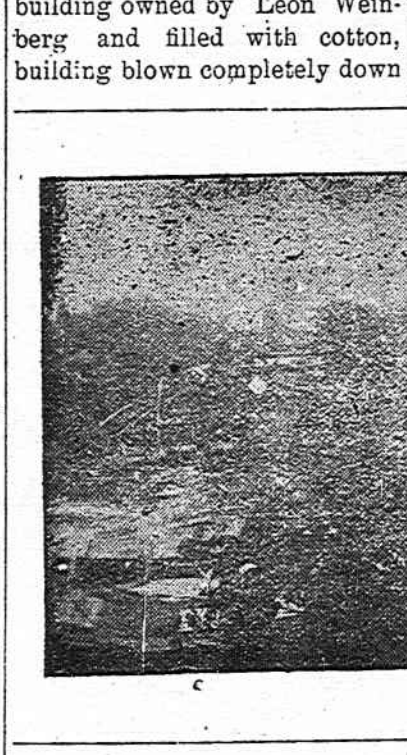
aged. McCall hotel, damage to building. Mrs. Maria Brown, several tenant houses destroyed. Clarendon Millinery Store, building totally wrecked, stock heavily damaged. Building owned by Mrs. Sue McLeod. Wilkins store, roof damaged, owned by Mrs. Sue McLeod. Sumter Motor Co., repair shop totally wrecked, roof main building damaged. Home Bank and Trust Co., roof torn off and library of Charlton DuRant damaged. Abrams store, owned by W. P. Legg, roof damaged. Manning Furniture Co., unroofed and stock badly damaged. Wilson Insurance Agency, building unroofed. Louis Levi, roof torn off and stock damaged. Levi Mercantile Co., building partially unroofed and large warehouse and barn demolished. S. R. Venning, building owned by Levi Estate, damaged. R. R. Jenkinson, building owned by Levi Estate, unroofed and stock of goods badly damaged. Plowden Hardware Company, warehouse blown down and heavy damage to stock. Manning Grocery Company, roof damaged and stock slightly damaged. Well's Barber Shop, building unroofed and glasses broken. Leon Weinberg, building unroofed, front plate glasses blown out and damage to stock of goods. Cottrians tobacco warehouse, building owned by Leon Weinberg and filled with cotton, building blown completely down

Central Hotel, roof damaged and chimneys blown down. Old Langston stables, owned by F. P. Ervin, blown down. R. R. Jenkinson's residence, piazza down from flying timbers. Israel James, colored, two houses blown down. Boswell residence, roof damaged. House of Rev. Totally, colored, badly damaged. The new flour mill erected by F. P. Ervin was severely injured and partly blown down, and several tenant houses in this neighborhood also owned by Mr. Ervin were blown down. The Glenn tobacco warehouse was also totally wrecked. The old Dinkins residence received heavy damage, to chimneys and roof, and the Strange residence also come in for some disaster. The top of Bettie DeLain's house was blown off and the house of Ed Rhodes was badly injured, as were also the houses of Tom Flowers and Paul Hicks. The Court House had portions of the roof torn off and heavy losses were sustained on the inside by breaking of windows, doors etc. Mrs. Brown's residence was injured by flying timbers. Fred Lesesne's automobile was badly broken and the fine black horse of Mr. English Plowden, which was in a stall in the Levi lot, was so badly hurt that it had to be killed. Many trees in the court house square were broken and torn down and the beauty of the square will be permanently marred. Hughes well digging machinery was destroyed. In the panic and demoralization following such a terrible disaster there are many incidents of heroism which might be mentioned, but they cannot all be chronicled now. But one



of the instances which deserves special mention for bravery and devotion was that of Miss Shepard, who was in charge of the central telephone office, and while the winds raged and the rain beat and the office was almost ankle deep in water she stood to her post and gave connections as long as she could, so that news of the terrible disaster might be spread to the public and homes in the town who were alarmed about loved ones caught in the various wrecks. SUMTER'S BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT. One of the most appreciated things in connection with the entire disaster was the beautiful and magnanimous spirit with which the citizens of Sumter

came to Manning's rescue. In the pandemonium which reigned of course the reports which went out were somewhat exaggerated, as many wires were down, but when the Sumter people heard of our plight the fire bell was rung and continued to ring until hundreds of people were assembled, and when they were told of the trouble at Manning about seventy five cars with probably one hundred and fifty people, doctors, trained nurses and citizens, with bandages; surgical instruments and other means with which to alleviate suffering came to Manning to render all the assistance they could. The

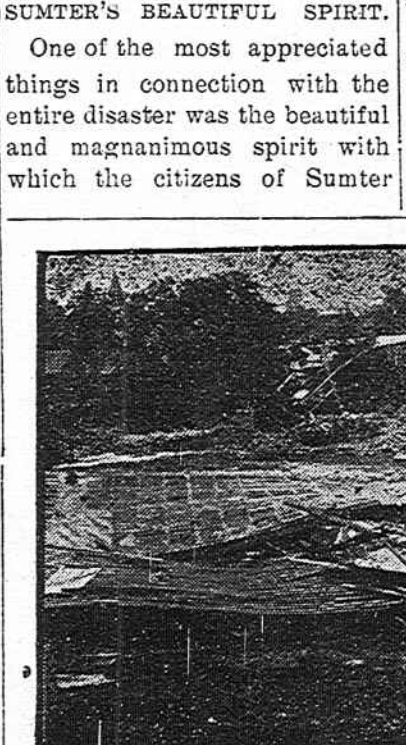


citizens of Manning will never forget this beautiful spirit on the part of the people of her sister city, Sumter. On the night of the storm the town was in darkness, and the electric current could not be turned on, as fallen live wires would only have added horrors to the already heavily stricken community, but Mr. L. H. Harvin, the electric plant manager, was equal to the occasion, and by the next night the wires were up and the town lighted as usual. This cyclone was the most panic striking disaster which has ever happened in the history of Clarendon county, and since Friday hundreds of sight seers have visited Manning from adjoining counties to look upon the ruins. The papers report that a storm visited Ellmore on the same afternoon, and also one in Marlborough county, killing four people in that county. We have not received reports of any great damage being done elsewhere in the county, except that some damage was done on the Wilson place near Summerton, where a barn and some buildings were blown down, and some little damage near St. Paul. It is possible that the cyclone made a leap from Ellmore to Summerton, at the Wilson or Benbow place, then another bounce to earth again, striking at Manning, and then leaping to the Darlington and Marlborough sections, in as much as when it reached the depot section in Manning it seems to have arisen over Ox Swamp and went high in air in a north-easterly direction.



Among the former disasters to visit Clarendon county perhaps the earthquake on the night of the 31st of August 1886 is the most remembered, but the damage to property then was

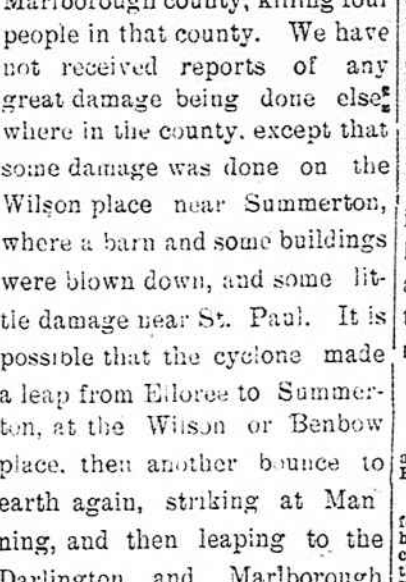
not so great except at Summerville and Charleston. About the beginning of the war, a tornado which is well remembered by older citizens, passed through the county between Jordan and Santee, cutting a wide swath through timbers and blowing down the residence of the father of Mr. J. J. Mitchum killing two persons. The path of that storm is distinctly visible yet, in many places, by the old timber being gone. In February 1894 another storm on the order of a cyclone passed over Oak Grove church going very much the same direction as this one, killing a man by the name of James Cabbage



and a young man, John Baggett. It is a notable incident that he was an uncle of the Misses Clara and Julia Baggett, and a brother of their father, Mr. Harvey Baggett, who was also in that storm and made a narrow escape. ASSISTANCE OFFERED. In addition to the assistance offered by Sumter, the terrible news spread abroad elicited many telegrams of inquiry after relatives, expressions of sympathy and the offer of services. Governor Manning offered the assistance of his office in a telegram to the Mayor, and Mr. J. R. Kenley, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, sent his secretary, Mr. Murchison, in person to Manning to see if the railroad company could be of any assistance by the offer of cars or special trains or any other services which could be rendered. BURIAL OF THE DEAD. Miss Clara Baggett's body was buried at Oak Grove church Saturday afternoon, and the body of Mr. Beasley Davis was buried at the Jordan cemetery Sunday morning with masonic honors in the presence of a large concourse of people, many masons from the various lodges in the county taking part in the ceremony. The colored boy, Tom Carter, was also buried Sunday afternoon.



THE BUILDING SPIRIT. Notwithstanding the terrible disaster, and that very few people had storm insurance, which makes the property loss very heavy upon them, Saturday-morning work began in earnest in clearing away the debris and rubbish, and repairs and rebuilding will go forward as fast as possible. The street hands cleared the rubbish and limbs out of the streets and the chain gang was brought in to clear away the fallen trees from the court house square, while private individuals also went forward and tried to meet the situation as bravely as they could. Dr. Arant will open his drug store in the old bank building next to Rigby's store. The New Idea Company have moved to a store next to the post office, and S. Katzoff has moved into the store lately occupied by E. L. Wilkins. Dickson's Drug Co., has occupied part of Thomas' stable. The Manning Dry Goods Company have not yet been able to locate permanently, since members of that firm were bodily injured, but in a short while we hope to see them also located and open for business until better and more permanent arrangements can be made.



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