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DAMAGE FROM HAIL.

Several Counties in Piedmont Section Hard Hit.

Honea Path, Aug. 4.—Visited last night by the worst hail storm in many years, farmers of portions of Greenville, Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens and Greenwood counties today related stories of ruin and havoc wrought by the hailstones.

The storm covered a section about 20 miles long as far as could be learned here, beginning about the Ware Cross Roads in Greenville county and continuing as far down Saluda river as Ware Shoals. The width of the area affected was probably ten miles although at the southern extremity of the territory the storm seems to have widened and included a section in the direction of Due West.

At 8 o'clock last night the storm broke loose and almost without warning hailstones said to be as large as hen's eggs began falling in the vicinity of Ware and Toney Creek. The territory above these places were not seriously affected, as far as can be learned. For one hour the hail continued to fall, stripping cotton, corn and growing things as well as killing many chickens and birds, bursting watermelons and smashing tops and windshields of automobiles.

The entire section from Toney Creek to Ware Shoals, and covering an area several miles wide, today shows the devastation wrought by the storm. Corn and cotton stalks are stripped of every vestige of growth leaving only the bare and broken plants from which the farmer may hope to produce anything.

Dozens and dozens of farmers were in Honea Path today and not one of those interviewed by this correspondent carried any hail insurance.

One farmer, in discussing the chaotic condition that today prevails on his farm, said he would take \$5 for his entire crop, so unfavorable is the outlook now. Another farmer said that even the watermelons on his farm, which soon would have been ready for marketing were utterly destroyed, the melons having been pierced and smashed as though some one had driven rocks through them.

A resident of the section just below Honea Path said that in going over his farm early this morning he found 31 sparrows huddled together where they had made a last stand for life. The frail bushes in which they took refuge went down before the hailstones as if they had been made of pastboard and the birds were quickly killed. Another farmer said that 150 chickens, many of them grown fowls, were killed by the hailstones. Virtually all chickens roosting in trees and on fences were said to have been killed or severely injured.

More than a bushel of hailstones were being exhibited on the streets of Honea Path today by a resident of the section east of town. Although the hail began falling shortly after 8 o'clock last night and had been melting since that time some of the stones were 3-4 inches in size by actual measurement. Others were smaller in size until they resembled the end of an average man's finger. The stones were firm and flinty and appeared to have kept well considering the period since they fell.

Not only were growing crops severely damaged, if not ruined, but many automobiles were said to have been damaged. One motorist stated that when the storm came up he was afraid to seek shelter because of the terrific force of the falling missiles. While he remained in the car the top was said to have been beaten almost to shreds and smashed into powder. Other persons are said to have had the windshields of their cars damaged in the same manner while attempting to gain shelter.

Telephone posts were beaten and bruised by the force of the stones but none of them were put out of commission, it was stated here today. Telephone lines in general seem to have escaped with but little damage.

The storm is said to have broken in all of its fury with but little warning. Coming out of the west it swooped down on the Ware and Toney Creek section, leaving ruined and desolate crops in its wake. Within a short time virtually all growing crops had been stripped of limb and leaf as the stones continued to fall. From 8 to 9 o'clock the storm continued, continuing as far south as Ware Shoals and into Greenwood county. Oddly enough, the fury of the storm seems to have been wrought on the section lying on each side of Saluda river and with the exception of about Due West

PATRICIDE AT KERSHAW.

Brother and Sister Witnessed Killing of Their Father.

Kershaw, Aug. 4.—A Jeff Gregory, prominent farmer and formerly cotton weigher at Kershaw, was shot and killed by his son, Paul Gregory, at his home a few miles from Kershaw at about 8:35 o'clock this morning. Young Gregory taking effect to cause almost instantaneous death.

Young Gregory, himself, gave the alarm, telephoning to friends in Kershaw that he had killed his father. He was taken into custody by Sheriff Welch within a few hours after the killing and is now in the Camden jail facing trial on a charge of murder, the coroner's jury investigating the homicide having held him responsible for the death of his father. Young Gregory is about 18 years old, but is small for his age, having been crippled by an attack of infantile paralysis.

The only eyewitness of the patricide, if any, are members of the immediate family and these with Paul Gregory have declined to make any statement with reference to the shooting. Paul Gregory's younger brother and a sister, officers have been informed, witnessed the tragedy. Neither, however, testified at the coroner's inquest, the jury's verdict being based upon admissions of young Gregory. The boy, after having confessed firing the four shots to persons first reaching the house, has refused to make any further statements, officers say, except to claim that he acted in defense of his mother and sisters. The first persons reaching the house after the killing found a loaded pistol grasped in Mr. Gregory's hand. The revolver had not been fired.

Mr. Gregory was about 50 years old and is prominently connected and well known in both Kershaw and Lancaster counties. He is survived by his widow, five daughters and two sons.

Attorneys for young Gregory, it is understood here, are intending to make an effort to secure bail for their client.—Columbia State.

Little Girl Killed.

Columbia, Aug. 7.—Henrietta Todd, eleven-year-old inmate of the Epworth Orphanage here, was struck by an automobile, said to have been owned by T. F. Phillips, a grocer, in front of the institution about noon today and was almost instantly killed. The girl was from Wallhalla and has been in the orphanage for the past six years.

It appears that the girl had gone across the street to a merchandise wagon to purchase some candy and stepped from the rear of the vehicle as Mr. Phillips' automobile approached. In her confusion, it is said, she stepped in front of the moving car, the driver in the meantime doing his best to swerve from her. She died in a few minutes after being struck.

Heath Springs Picnic.

It is announced that there will be a big picnic at Heath Springs on August 25, the day of the political campaign meeting at that place. The public is cordially invited to attend the social gathering in connection with the political campaign speaking and to come with well filled baskets for an old-time picnic dinner. Seats will be provided for the ladies. Such other refreshments as may be dispensed will be for the benefit of the Heath Springs ball team.—Lancaster News.

Very little damage was done more than five miles from the river.

To hear farmers, both white and black, discussing their loss was pathetic beyond description. One farmer, a stalwart fellow apparently 50 years of age, said that he had gone the entire season without borrowing any money but that every dollar he possessed in the world, excepting only a little property, had gone down with the storm. He was at a loss as to his next move as he did not believe the cotton and corn to be made would sustain members of his family for the period of a month, much less a year.

A half bushel of hailstones, that had fallen the night before, and had lain in the fields through the night, were brought to the office of The Greenville News yesterday morning by J. C. Cothran, prominent farmer of the Toney Creek section, one of whose farms was in the direct path of the storm and its crops completely destroyed. In telling of the storm, Mr. Cothran said that he found hailstones five inches deep in drifts in some portions of his field. Several stalks of cotton that had been stripped of every vestige of leaves, were brought in by Mr. Cothran and other farmers.

FATHER OF STILLS FOUND.

Officers Capture Patriarch of Moonshine Factories.

Florence, Aug. 4.—The great grand daddy of all the moonshine stills of South Carolina, and one of the patriarchs of the South in that line, was captured this morning in Pee Dee swamp by State Constable Eichelberger and Federal Officer Youmans. It measured 640 gallons capacity, being about seven feet long, four feet wide and waist high—and, approximately, coffin shaped in its general proportions.

Marion county now gets the cake for the biggest still. Sumter had it before, said Mr. Eichelberger, reporting the find on returning to the city this morning. More than two hours' arduous labor by the two officers was necessary to destroy the mass of copper, sheet iron and brick.

George Best, prominent farmer near Marion, is in the Marion county jail charged with owning and operating this giant still.

Last night the two officers, Officer Stacy with them, went to the farm of Mr. Best. They found one gallon of shine in the house. Then commenced a search for the still and other "evidence." Mr. Eichelberger ran head first over a 25 gallon keg of liquor but they were unable to find anything more, so they took Mr. Best and the evidence into the Marion county jail with them.

This morning Mr. Eichelberger and Mr. Youmans returned to the Best place and continued their search. Again they fell over another lot of whiskey, this time a 50 gallon barrel of it. Along with the still they destroyed 76 gallons of moonshine liquor, 500 gallons of mash and ten fermenters.—Columbia State.

Convict Returned to Pen.

Columbia, Aug. 3.—Jack Schumacher, the Orangeburg convict, who refused to report to the penitentiary at the expiration of his parole on August 1, was arrested in Orangeburg today and brought to the penitentiary, according to advices received by Governor Harvey from Sheriff R. Fulton Dukes.

Schumacher tried to get Governor Harvey to extend his parole but the governor declined, and ordered the convict to return to the penitentiary. Schumacher did not report and the governor wired Sheriff Dukes to arrest him. The sheriff wired this morning that he had Schumacher in jail.

Though Dead; He Wins.

Nashville, Aug. 3.—Despite the fact that he died yesterday, former Congressman Lamuel P. Padgett, of Columbia, has been renominated for congress in the seventh congressional district. He defeated his competitor, William C. Salmon, also of Columbia, by a majority of between 1,000 and 1,500 votes, according to incomplete and unofficial returns.

The movement to nominate Mr. Padgett for his twelfth term, despite the fact that he is dead, took form yesterday afternoon when his friends formed a hasty organization and made public an appeal to vote for him.

What effect the nomination of the former congressman will have is problematical. The purpose of it was to force a new election and to permit other candidates to enter the race.

Gas Prices Under Investigation.

Washington, Aug. 3.—A searching investigation into soaring gasoline prices was scheduled to open formally today in the senate. After weeks of closed sessions, spent in collecting and tabulating valuable information on all phases of gasoline and oil industry of the nation, the special senate subcommittee was prepared to summon witnesses in the endeavor to determine the reason for the alleged "sky rocketing" in prices of gasoline.

County Campaign Dates.

Blaney, August 14th.
Rabon's Cross Roads, August 15th.
Cleveland School House, August 16th.
Cassatt, August 17th.
Bethune, August 21st.
Raley's Mill, August 22nd.
Kershaw, August 23rd.
Westville, August 24th.
Camden, August 28th, 11 a. m.
Cotton Mills, August 28th, 8 p. m.
State Campaign Dates.
Newberry—Monday, August 14.
Greenwood—Tuesday, August 15.
Laurens—Wednesday, August 16.
Abbeville—Thursday, August 17.
McCormick—Friday, August 18.
Anderson—Saturday, August 19.
Walhalla—Monday, August 21.
Pickens—Tuesday, August 22.
Greenville—Wednesday, August 23.
Gaffney—Thursday, August 24.
Spartanburg—Friday, August 25.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Happenings as Told By The Era of That Place.

Mrs. Ellen Hamel left this morning for a fifteen days vacation, which she will spend with relatives in Georgia and Florida.

Dr. W. C. McDowell returned last week from his western trip and reports that he had the time of his life in sightseeing. He talks interestingly of the many places he visited and gives vivid descriptions of what he saw.

B. G. Sanders, secretary of the Camden Chamber of Commerce and proprietor of the Electric Maid Bakery, was a business visitor in Kershaw Friday and paid the Era office a pleasant call. Mr. Sanders is trying to promote the sale of his electric baked bread and the other products of his up-to-date sanitary bakery.

Miss Melita Floyd left Monday afternoon to join the party of tourists at Rock Hill who will make the educational tour of the western states and Canada, conducted under the personal supervision of Prof. Roy Z. Thomas, of Winthrop College. The trip will last until the 26th inst., and will give the members of the party opportunity for seeing some of the most beautiful and wonderful natural scenery in the world.

J. W. Sanders, demonstration agent for Kershaw county, was here yesterday to arrange for a picnic for the county club boys, to be held at the Haile Mine later in this month. The date and other particulars will be announced later.

George Gardner, son of J. J. Gardner, and Miss Lillian Shaw, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Shaw, both of the Mt. Pisgah section, were married Friday, July 21st, by Notary Public W. J. Mangum.

William L. Goodale, of Camden Floral Company, was a visitor in Kershaw Saturday and paid the Era office a pleasant call. The company has recently enlarged its plant very considerably and is prepared to handle promptly any and all orders for floral designs for any occasion.

Will Cast Vote at Age of Ninety.

At least one woman in Greenwood county did not wish to put her age as "21 plus" when she enrolled on the Democratic club rolls. Mrs. Cecilia Alice Henderson, of Coronaca, boldly wrote her name, and gave her age as ninety years, thereby becoming the oldest woman in the county and one of the oldest in the state to qualify to vote in the Democratic primaries. Mrs. Henderson declares that she is proud of her age and the fact that she was able to go to the place of enrollment instead of having the book brought to her.

In spite of her advanced age, she is active and interested in the affairs about her, and has shown a keen interest in politics. She says she is glad of the opportunity to vote in the Democratic primaries.—Greenwood Index-Journal.

Requests Change in Highway Route.

Columbia, Aug. 7.—The State Highway Commission is in receipt of a letter asking that the route of the proposed Stonewall highway from Florence to the North Carolina line be changed. At present the plans call for the road to run by Darlington, Hartsville, McBee, Jefferson, Page-land, Monroe, Charlotte, King's Mountain and Shelby to Asheville. The request is made to divert it by way of Darlington, Hartsville, McBee, Bethune, Kershaw, Lancaster, Fort Lawn, Rock Hill, York, King's Mountain and Shelby to Asheville. The matter will be considered by the commission at its meeting on August 8.

Another Old Veteran Dead.

Mr. J. W. Boone, a well known Confederate veteran, died at the home of his son, Mr. G. W. Boone, in the DeKalb section of the county last Tuesday. He was about 76 years of age. He was twice married but both wives had predeceased him. He is survived by four sons and a number of other relatives in this county.

Married.

Miss Malinda Ward, of Bethune, and Mr. Chesley Hoyt Wall, of Andrews, S. C., were married at Bethune on Wednesday, August 2nd, the Rev. M. Byron Gunter performing the ceremony.

Mr. Stephen L. Folsom, of the Turkey Creek section of Lee county, and Miss Unice Lee, of the Iona section of the same county, drove to Camden on Thursday and were married at the court house by Probate Judge W. L. McDowell.

CLAIMED BY DEATH.

Alexander Graham Bell Buried at Sunset Friday.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 2.—At sunset on Friday on the crest of Behm Breagh mountain, the body of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who died this morning at his summer home, will be buried in a spot chosen by the inventor of the telephone himself.

The grave of the venerable scientist the immensity of whose life-work was attested by scores of telegrams which came today to the Bell estate from the world's prominent figures, is at a point overlooking the town of Baddeck, Cape Breton. The sweeping vista from the mountain top, so admired by Mr. Bell stretches far over the Bras d'Or lake; sunset, chosen as the moment when the body will become forever a part of the sturdy hills, glides the waters of the lake until they are really what their name means—"the lake of the arm of gold."

Alexander Graham Bell lived to see experiments which he began with a dead man's ear less than 50 years ago result in a means of communication for millions of long distance telephone conversations daily in all parts of the world. The possibility of talking over a wire, ridiculed then as a dream by almost everybody except Bell, became during his lifetime a reality, commonplace and marvelous.

The Bell basic patent, known in the records at Washington as No. 174,465 has been called the most valuable single patent ever issued in the whole history of invention. There are today over 13,000,000 telephone instruments through which billions of telephone conversations are carried on each year.

Bell spent three years in night work in a cellar in Salem, Mass. His money needs were met by Gardner G. Hubbard, his future father-in-law, and Thomas Sanders, the owner of the cellar. As he worked he began to see the possibility of conveying speech over an electrically charged wire—the telephone. He used a dead man's ear for a transmitter.

"If I can make a deaf-mute talk," Bell had declared, "I can make iron talk."

His first success came while testing his instruments in his new quarters in Boston. Thomas A. Watson, Bell's assistant, had struck a clock spring at one end of the wire, and Bell was electrified to hear the sound in another room. For 40 weeks the instrument struggled, as it were, for human speech. Then on March 10, 1876, Watson became almost insane with joy when he heard over the wire Bell's voice saying:

"Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."

On his 29th birthday, Bell received his patent. It was at the Centennial exposition held at Philadelphia, two months later, where men of science the world over who had come to examine and study the numerous inventions exhibited, saw Professor Bell give a practical demonstration of the transmission of the human voice by electricity.

One of the curious things about the invention of the telephone is that Bell knew almost nothing about electricity when he started. He knew a great deal about acoustics, though and the formation of the human organs of speech and hearing. Bell was called to Washington once when he was in the slough of despond and took the opportunity to call on Prof. Joseph Henry, who knew as much about electricity and the telegraph as any man then alive. Henry told him he had the germ of a great invention.

"But," said Bell, "I have not got the electrical knowledge that is necessary."

"Get it," said Henry.

Bell did get some of it—enough.

"Had I known more about electricity and less about sound," he said, "I would never have invented the telephone."

While Dr. Bell will be best remembered as the inventor of the telephone, a claim that has been sustained through many legal contests, he also became noted for other inventions. He was joint inventor of the graphophone with Sumner Taintor. He invented an ingenious method of lithography, a photophone and an induction balance. He invented a telephone probe which he used to locate the bullet that killed President Garfield. He spent 15 years and over \$200,000 in testing his famous tetrahedral kite, and established a principle in architecture, the use of tetrahedral cells or units.

Throughout his life Dr. Bell maintained his interest and labors for deaf mutes. He founded, became president

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS.

Strange Happenings As Related By The Daily Press.

Washington, Aug. 10.—A man in London tried to hang himself. He was a poor hand at it, but he died just the same. The doctor testified that there was no sign of death by strangulation, so the coroners duly brought in a verdict of "suicide by auto-suggestion," the first of its kind on record. The theory is that the man believed he was hanging himself, because he had a handkerchief looped over a bed post and about his neck, and that the conviction that he was being strangled succeeded in killing him. It is not thought that killing one's self by thinking one is dead will become popular!

London also is responsible for the story of William Skinner, a sailor, who lost his life in the battle of Jutland. When his body was recovered the usual brass identification disc was taken from his neck. On the reverse of it, in words so fine they require a microscope for reading, is his will, leaving his all to his wife. This, the smallest and most unique will in the annals of law, has just been admitted to probate in the London courts.

The first aerial stowaway has safely made his flight. One Mike Stone, of Detroit, concealed himself in the mail compartment of the aeromarine eleven passenger plane flying regularly from Detroit to Cleveland, went to sleep, and woke up when the motors roared. He couldn't make his presence known until the motors stopped, across the lake in Cleveland.

In Northern Montana, near Glacier National Park, is a colony of a million marmots. These little animals make a curious noise, something between a yelp and a whistle. It is proposed to broadcast their chorus via radio, that wireless "fans" of America may hear the largest aggregation of animal voices in the world tuning up in a natural symphony.

Mr. Sowell Dead.

Jefferson, August 6.—After a long illness James M. Sowell died at his home and birthplace in the Pisgah section Tuesday.

The funeral services were held at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Sowell had been a member of the Baptist church for many years.

Mr. Sowell was 74 years old and is survived by his widow, four sons, J. G. Sowell, W. T. Sowell, R. F. Sowell and S. M. Sowell, and one daughter, Mrs. Flora McCaskill.

Mr. Sowell was at one time a resident of this county and held the office of county supervisor. He was a highly respected man and had numbers of friends and relatives in this county who will regret to hear of his death.

South Has Big Road Program.

In road building and street-paving work the Southern states are showing greater activity than at any time in their history. Contracts reported during the past four months aggregate in value about \$40,000,000. Every state in the South is showing tremendous progress, especially in road improvement. Contracts awarded in the last four months include in value, the following: Alabama, \$1,870,000; Arkansas, \$842,000; Florida, \$4,800,000; Georgia, \$780,000; Kentucky, \$870,000; Louisiana, \$932,000; Maryland, \$966,000; Mississippi, \$844,000; Missouri, \$2,735,000; North Carolina, \$7,780,000; Oklahoma, \$1,975,000; South Carolina, \$1,104,000; Tennessee, \$833,000; Texas, \$6,657,000; Virginia, \$690,000; West Virginia, \$4,523,000.

In addition to the actual contracts awarded, there is a tremendous volume of highway improvements for which plans are being made and for which bids will be received during the year. An impressive amount of asphalt construction is under way in the South, especially in North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

and contributed \$250,000 to the American Association to Promote Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. He was a member of many of the leading American learned societies.

Dr. Bell's laboratories have been located since 1886 near Baddeck, Cape Breton. There for many years he conducted research and experiment in aerial locomotion and other scientific subjects and maintained his private museum showing the development of his greatest inventions.

Twenty thousand Chicago street car men went on a strike Tuesday against a 17 per cent reduction in wages.