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WRITES OF THE STORM.

Former Camden People Partially Describe Great Calamity.

The shock of Florida's great storm was felt in a number of Camden homes as many former residents of this city are now living in Miami and the territory which during the past few days has been the scene of one of the nation's greatest disasters. Jack Watkins, well-known Camden boy and former assistant cashier of the First National Bank here, was one whom the storm held at its mercy from 2:30 until 7 o'clock Saturday morning and later the same day witnessed its ragings worse than ever.

In writing to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Watkins, who is at present living with her daughter, Mrs. S. L. Perry, on North Lyttleton street, Mr. Watkins tells the following story:

"Your wire came this morning, so I wired you again this afternoon, but had already sent you one Monday morning, the first chance I had. You see everything was so torn up that you couldn't tell whether it would get through or not. Well, it certainly was an awful storm and I never want to go through one again. Looked any minute for the house to come down on me, and the wind was too strong to go outside, so there I stood from 2:30 in the morning until 7, then the storm quieted down a little and I headed for Coconut Grove to see how Edith was, and got about half way there when the storm broke again. I managed to get to their house and put the car up against the house to keep it from being blown away.

"The second blow was a lot worse than the first and of course it was raining all the time, and we looked every minute to be blown away, but their house stood the storm and when it ceased about 12 o'clock I came up street and went out to see my house. Had no idea it would be left, but it was still standing. Everything in it was soaking wet, so I came on down street for fear of another blow.

"The garage was the first to go about 3 o'clock, and then the sleeping porch. The garage was over in a neighbor's yard, and then later on it blew back up against the house, breaking out all the front windows, breaking in part of the side of the house in the dining room and all the roof in that side. Honestly, that house was lifted up three or four times and would then drop back. Happened that a friend was there, and he and I just waited for daylight or for the house to go. There was no use trying to get out in it, for roofs, pieces of houses and bricks were flying everywhere. I really can't describe how it was, but it sure was awful. The Bulls lost the roof of their house and the front porch, and I don't think that there are very many houses that are not damaged some, and the business section is in the same fix.

"I am trying to dry out the things at the house, and am still staying out there, but as soon as a hard rain comes will have to move. Don't know yet what I will do about it, but don't you all make any arrangements to come down here. I suppose I will still have my job, but we can't tell how things are going to turn out. Now don't you worry about me, for I can get along. Will write you again as soon as possible."

Another account of the storm comes from Mrs. W. A. Bull of Miami to her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Zeigler, who is now visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. Clyburn in this city:

"None of us were hurt in the storm but we lost the house and everything is ruined. We are going to get the house patched as soon as we can get help. Everybody is in the same condition. We are staying in the garage. It did not lose the top but the water is two inches deep on the floor. No lives were lost in this section. I went around as soon as it was daylight to see how Jack Watkins was standing it and he was out in his bathrobe, the house a wreck.

"We have no water, gas or lights. Your father got an oil stove so I let the neighbors use it too. I can't write—will send the first papers printed. There was a hurricane, tornado and tidal wave Friday and Saturday. The large boats are up on Miami avenue—think of that! It is awful. Our driver helped put sixteen bodies in one church. The government has sent marines to guard the city. Don't think anything if I don't write again soon.

"A friend had just moved from her apartment on the causeway the day before the storm and the house they are living in is the only one standing in the neighborhood. She says that two big concrete apartment buildings behind them just crumpled up. Our house had no top at all, beds ruined. It makes me ill but crying doesn't do any good. Everybody is ruined."

200 Bales Burned.

Rock Hill, Sept. 20.—Fire at an early hour this morning destroyed or badly damaged 200 bales of cotton in the warehouse of Williams & Company here. The loss, unofficially estimated at \$10,000, was said by officials to be fully covered by insurance.

BIG JOB BEFORE RICHARDS.

Large Proportion House and Senate Will Be New Members.

(By Jno. K. Aull.)

Columbia, Sept. 20.—With a large proportion of the house membership composed of new representatives, most of them without previous legislative experience, with 22 new senators out of a total of 46; with new presiding officers in both houses, and with a new chairman of the ways and means committee, the administration of the incoming governor, Major John G. Richards, will start out with a clean slate, and with a wonderful opportunity for constructive legislation. With a majority in the State at large of between 25,000 and 30,000 votes, and having carried 37 out of the 46 counties, the new governor will begin his administration with the people of the State behind him, and it is predicted that the new legislature will work in harmony with him along all progressive lines, reflecting the sentiment as expressed by the vote on Tuesday of last week. Major Richards pitched his campaign upon a platform of tax reform, economy, law enforcement and getting back to constitutional government. "I am in favor of strict economy in each and every department of our government," he said, "and the saving of every dollar possible to the taxpayers of the state, and if elected governor I shall use the veto power to this end whenever necessary, and when this can be done without impairing the efficiency of the government."

His platform, as announced, to the Democratic party of South Carolina, before the campaign opened, also contained this paragraph: "In the campaign of 1918 I advocated, and shall advocate in the coming campaign, the consolidation of offices wherever possible, and the abolition of those that are unnecessary. Our State has gotten away from constitutional government, and is actually suffering from bureaucracy and government by commissions." During the progress of the campaign, he was specific, and advocated, among other things, the abolition of the State Tax Commission, and devolving its duties upon the constitutional office of comptroller general, and urged equalization of the tax values, contending that the local machinery which was already in existence for that purpose should be put into operation.

The soft drinks tax will expire by its own limitation on April 1, 1927, and if the tax is to continue the act levying it must be re-enacted. The governor-elect has declared that he will not stand for any increase in the taxes on the homes and farms of the State, and that rather than to increase the tax upon real property he would prefer a luxury tax of the proper kind, if it should be necessary "for the purpose of preventing the imposition of an additional tax on real property." But he has reiterated throughout the State his belief that present conditions have been brought about by extravagance, which should be eliminated.

That there will be another fight in the legislature over the re-enactment of the soft drinks tax is predicted with almost certainty, but exactly what will be evolved from all the various tax reform and tax expediency and emergency tax measures which will be piled into the legislative hopper does not yet appear, and will not appear until it has been sanctioned by a majority of both houses—because, with so many new members in either branch, predictions so early in the game as to legislation are not worth the paper they are written on.

Those who know him have no doubt that the new governor will hew to the mark with all the vigor that is in him; but they realize that in his efforts for tax equalization, for tax reform and for the return of the state to constitutional government, he will not walk in Elysian fields by day, nor at night will he lay himself down to sleep upon any bed of roses, during the four years of hard, very hard, work which is before him.

Of the 23 members of the State senate whose terms expire this November, only two returned—Senators Moore of Abbeville, and Rogers, of Dillon. Two senators died during the summer—Messrs. Rogers of Spartanburg, a hold-over, and Graham, of Williamsburg, who was not a candidate for re-election. Of the new senators, however, Messrs. E. J. Dennis, of Berkeley; E. R. Ginn, of Hampton; Frank A. Miller of Darlington; and Richmond P. Stacey, of Cherokee, have formerly served in the senate, and of the new senators—Messrs. Findley, of Pickens; Legare, of Charleston; McColl, of Bennettsville; Odom, of Spartanburg; Perry, of Chesterfield, and Stokes, of Clarendon, are members of the present house.

Richland county will be represented in the next senate by Col. James H. Hammond, a member of the Columbia bar. On the face of the returns Mr.

Governor Richards in Reply.

In a letter of reply to the Camden Chamber of Commerce, Governor-elect John G. Richards has sent the following to the Chamber of Commerce from his home at Liberty Hill, under date of September 18:

"With all my heart I wish to express my gratitude for the very kind resolutions adopted by your body and forwarded to me by your Secretary, Mr. B. G. Sanders.

"I wish to assure you that this expression of your confidence will strengthen me in my determination to serve to the best of my ability the country and state we all so dearly love.

"Throughout the trying campaign that has just come to a close, I was inspired by the fact that I was a representative of the great county of Kershaw, a county whose ideals, traditions and history furnished a page of our State's most glorious records and determined that by neither word nor action would I reflect discredit upon her great name and people, and I only trust that I kept the faith.

"Gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce of Camden, I most earnestly solicit and feel sure that I will enjoy your cooperation in giving to our state an administration of her affairs in a manner that she so richly deserves and that will reflect credit not only upon our county, but upon our entire state and people.

"You may rely on me to serve you at any time, and in any way that I may."

James Hammond, Columbia attorney, was declared the nominee for the State Senate in Richland county Friday, after a recount of the vote by the Richland County Democratic Executive committee. The vote was: Hammond, 5,154; Jeff Bates, 5,148. Prior to the recount Bates had the lead.

JOHN G. RICHARDS.

John G. Richards has been nominated by the voters of the state for governor. He is well qualified to fill the place and no doubt will make a good chief executive. The reins of government will be safe in his hands and the people need have no fear.

The Kershaw man stressed tax reform in making his race and also flaying extravagance, but The Piedmont predicts taxes will be higher when he goes out of office than when he went in. It has always been the case and no doubt will always be so.

Taken as a whole the voters have done very well, so now lets all get down to business again and try to put the state near the top of the ladder in education, good roads, religion and other matters.—Greenville Piedmont.

Jeff B. Bates, a member of the present house, had a majority of 26 votes, but a recount gave Mr. Hammond a majority of six.

Recounts in this county have developed startling errors in counts at some of the boxes. When it is realized that a change of two votes at each precinct in the state could have changed the result of the race for the United States senate, the importance of an accurate count is emphasized and the need for greater care is seen to be imperative.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The next regular State teachers' examination will be held at every county seat on Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9th. At this examination questions will be offered for Primary certificates and General Elementary certificates. At this time, questions will not be offered for High School certificates.

No third grade certificates will be issued. To earn a second grade certificate an applicant will be required to make a general average of 75 with not less than 55 on any subject.

Examinations will begin at 9 o'clock A. M. each day, at the County Court House.

J. Team Gettys,
Supt. Education Kershaw County.
25-27-sb

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Trespassing, hunting or shooting, day or night, cutting or hauling wood or straw, cattle or hogs running at large, on lands owned and posted by Mr. Ralph Ellis, will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

L. A. Kirkland, Attorney.
R. Storey, Agent.
25-27-pd

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the H. P. Oglesby place, on the western side of the Wateree river, known as the Betty Neck section, has been posted, and that hunting or otherwise trespassing on these lands is positively forbidden under penalty of the law.
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FOR SALE—Self player piano. Bargain for quick sale. Apply Chronicle Office, Camden, S. C. 25-27-pd

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PHOTOGRAPHY—I have recently rebuilt my home at 1340 Haile street and built an up-to-date home studio where I am prepared to do any kind or style of photograph and at a reasonable price. I have some of the latest equipment and can make pictures regardless of weather conditions. Joe B. Gaskins, Camden, S. C. 14-tf



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SECOND VOLUME OF HISTORIC CAMDEN—About November 1st Second and concluding part of "Historic Camden" will be ready for delivery to all who may wish to purchase a copy. This volume covers that interesting period of Camden's annals subsequent to the year 1800, with portraits, illustrations and sketches of numerous families. The price will be six dollars delivered. The undersigned authors will appreciate any orders placed with

them or either of them.
Thos. J. Kirkland,
R. M. Kennedy.

25-26-sb
FOR SALE—100 acres sandhill land, about three miles from Blaney on old Wire Road. Price reasonable. John K. DeLoach, Camden, S. C. 24-26-sb

FOR SALE—My residence at 1411 Fair street. This house contains three bedrooms, sitting room, dining room, large kitchen, one furnished and one unfurnished bathroom, two closets, and a china closet. This house is in one of the nicest neighborhoods in Camden, and the lot has a flower yard, trees, chicken yard, vegetable garden, servant's house and garage. Phone or write Thomas Ancrum, Chester, S. C.

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