

CYCLONE HITS CONWAY.

BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED; DAMAGE REACHES THOUSANDS.

Several Person Have Narrow Escape from Death—New Church, Under Construction, Destroyed.

Conway, Sept. 18.—Moving in a northeasterly direction and hewing a course about one-half mile wide, a terrible cyclone swept North Conway this afternoon at 3 o'clock and left ruin and desolation in its wake. While no lives were lost, several persons escaped as though by a miracle. The little daughter of W. W. Russ, while on her way home, encountered the storm and was rolled about in the street. She was rescued by a lady and received little injury. Mrs. T. J. Bell had just left her home when the roof was torn away. She escaped uninjured. There may be others who received injuries about one mile from town, where it is reported several negro houses were demolished. The rain is still falling in torrents and these rumors cannot be confirmed. The property loss will reach into the thousands.

A few minutes before 3 o'clock a tiny black cloud appeared in the southwest; a distressing roaring sound was heard in that direction and in a few moments the roaring increased and black darkness fell with one swoop.

With the fury of a giant the storm burst upon that section of town, moving at the rate of approximately 80 miles an hour. Buildings were demolished, warehouses were unroofed, timbers and shingles were hurled in midair, trees were twisted from their stumps and torn from their roots, chimneys toppled and the air was a seething mass of debris.

The storm was accompanied by a heavy rainfall, which has continued periodically for several hours. The streets are rivulets of water, the new Episcopal Church, which was in the process of erection, was completely demolished. The High School building was considerably damaged, while the residences of T. J. Bell and the Rev. D. A. Calhoun were unroofed; the Burroughs Hospital had the shingles and sheeting of roof considerably torn, while an adjacent building was unroofed.

A tree fell across the residence of D. T. McNeill and the residences of A. W. Barrett and Chas. Dusebury were more or less injured.

FEWER FIRES IN EUROPE.

Firemen There Are Appalled at Losses in the United States.

While I was attending the morning drill of the central fire department at Dresden, in Saxony, the captain in command told me that the city had, on an average, about six alarms of fire a week. I casually remarked that we had twenty-five a day in New York, writes Chas. T. Hill. He looked at me with wonderment and doubt, and when I repeated that we actually had between twenty and thirty alarms of fire a day in the Borough of Manhattan alone he threw up his hands and exclaimed: "Thank Heaven, it is not as bad as that here, or our beautiful city would be destroyed!"

And so we find, thanks to superior building construction, less hurry and rush in business methods and a wholesome regard on the part of the citizens for certain rigid laws covering the use of explosives and materials of all kinds which usually cause fire, the lot of the foreign fire fighter is not as strenuous as that of his brother firemen on this side of the water. Because of the excellent character of the buildings abroad fires burn slowly and rarely extend beyond the room or floor in which they start.

Here, on the other hand, the conditions are entirely different. Our fires are larger, more destructive and more frequent, compelling us to support not only the most effective, but most expensive, fire departments in the world; and yet, in spite of all this, our annual fire losses are from ten to twenty times more than those of any country in Europe.

Better buildings laws and the universal adoption of fire prevention ordinances are going to change all this for us in time, but as yet our annual fire loss stuns the average European by its enormous total.—Chicago Daily News.

VAUGHN PETITION DISMISSED.

Man Under Death Sentence Loses Chance to Appeal to U. S. Court.

Columbia, September 20.—The Supreme Court in a decision today dismissed the petition of T. U. Vaughn, former superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, at Greenville, under sentence of death for criminal assault, for a rehearing. The remittur was stayed to allow Vaughn to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Contracts were awarded in Anderson on Wednesday for two more school buildings in that city.

SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT.

If Latter Is Cheap and Vulgar, Former Must Fail Its Highest Mission.

Last Sunday Vice President Marshall preached a sermon on the last day of the Southern Methodist camp-meeting, near Washington, writes J. C. H., in Philadelphia Ledger. He did not choose any particular text, but said a good many things about the relation of true religion to good government, and hampered some of the idiocies and shortcomings of the present day into a truly helpless condition.

Men are not made good by legislation. Conscience cannot be purified and established by statutory enactment. The state cannot take the place of the family. The old-fashioned American home was the inspiration of the great system of government which has come down to this generation a little frayed at the edges because of the departures that have been made in the living and thinking and praying of the people. There were doubtless many wicked people in "the good old days"—pharisees, hypocrites, the idle, the vicious, the criminal appear to be from everlasting to everlasting; but there was at least an enviable regard for appearances, a modesty of demeanor which made the women more attractive and a shamefacedness in the prevailing wickedness of typical periods which gave the men the appearance, at least, of being respectable; and these virtues, even if not infrequently assumed, impressed themselves upon the common life and found their interpretation in the better forms of legislation provided for the public care. A noted writer said, 200 years ago: When modesty ceases to be the chief ornament of one sex, and integrity of the other, society is upon a wrong basis, and we shall be ever after without rules to guide our judgment in what is really becoming and ornamental." Seneca, we are told, "thought modesty too great a check to vice, that he prescribes to us the practice of it in secret, and advises us to raise it in ourselves and upon imaginary occasions, when such are real do not offer themselves; for this is the meaning of the precept, that when we are by ourselves, and in our greatest solitude, we should fancy that Cato stands before us and sees everything we do. In short, if you banish Modesty out of the world she carries away with her half the virtue that is in it."

In his discourse, the vice president laid the turkey trot, the tango and the slit skirt to the charge of the mothers of the country, because, speaking of them as a class, they do not bestow that care upon the training and conduct of their daughters which would best fit them for the place they should hold in the social sphere upon the purity of which the strength and fitness of government depend. That has always been the way. In the beginning, "the woman beguiled me and I did eat," and it will be the same old excuse when the end comes. It is true that the vice president said that "it is high time for American fathers and mothers to have opinions on religion;" but he did not dwell particularly on the very trifling character of many, if not most, American fathers. Why should there be an inequality of moral measurement in fixing the statues of men and women? There was something graceful and lovely in the old dances; there is nothing beautiful or elevating in the tango and turkey trot. There was a special charm when "Meh Lady" dancing, "her feet beneath her petticoat like the little mice, stole in and out, as if they feared the light of day"; there is nothing in the slit skirt which the vice president preached against, except vulgar display. This sort of thing the mothers might correct if they were not so often themselves given to the adoption of the least beautiful of the latest fashions, the wearing of clothes which become neither their years nor their build.

One of the most impressive of the passages in the Scriptures is the charge of David to his son Solomon: "I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong, therefore, and show thyself a man; and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonials." And it is recorded that when Bath-sheba, Solomon's mother, went to him, "the King rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the King's mother; and she sat on his right hand."

There is a great lesson in that for all mankind. Every mother in this land is entitled to the same sort of consideration Solomon showed to his mother; but the vice president thinks that turkey-trotting, tango-dancing, slit-skirt wearing woman does not make the most impressive mother. Good government is good society; if the latter is cheap and vulgar the former must fail in its highest mission, the cultivation of that spirit of righteousness which exalteth a nation.

WILL FAIR NOT GUILTY.

Spartanburg Negro Charged With Criminal Assault Goes Free

Spartanburg, Sept. 20.—The jury in the Will Fair case returned a verdict of not guilty, after being out since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and having deliberated in the case all night. It is understood that what detained them so long was that six of the jurors were holding out for a mistrial, wishing to shift the responsibility upon another jury, if it is supposed, public sentiment. The verdict came as no surprise as after hearing the evidence it seemed to be a plain case of not guilty.

Many witnesses testified that they had seen the negro, Will Fair, pass the woman's house in question and that he did not enter. It was shown on the stand that the woman is physically weak and subject to periodical hallucinations. When Foreman Joseph Lee announced the verdict the judge made the following statement, "Gentlemen, since you have had the manhood to pronounce the prisoner not guilty, I say that time will prove your verdict was a righteous one. In this case there was evidence which could not be brought into court, but you did your duty in a verdict of not guilty." It is understood the vote of the jury was unanimous in finding a verdict of not guilty.

The accused negro, Will Fair, it will be remembered, was charged with assaulting a white woman at Whitestone, near here, on August 18, and after being placed in jail here, the prison, was stormed by a mob using dynamite, but was repulsed by Sheriff White, who in the early hours of morning spirited the negro to Columbia, where he was placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping until the trial should be called. Neither the woman who charged the negro nor her husband was in the court room when the verdict was announced. The verdict seems to have met with the general approval of people.

INQUEST REVEALS SAD STORY.

Domestic Trouble Alleged Cause of Spartanburg Woman's Suicide.

Spartanburg, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Bertha Wymbs 26 years of age, who ended her life yesterday by inhaling chloroform, was driven to suicide, according to the testimony of neighbor women at the inquest to-day, by her husband's threat to throw her out in the street if he found her at home when he returned in the evening. The tragedy was the climax of a long series of quarrels between the man and his wife, caused, according to a statement Wymbs is alleged to have made, by her jealousy of him.

In a farewell message, pinned to the cot on which her body was found, Mrs. Wymbs absolved her husband from blame for her suicide, saying their quarrels were her fault.

It was a wretched story which the witnesses unfolded. Mrs. Wymbs arranged early yesterday morning to move to the home of Mrs. John Long. Later she called at the home of Mrs. M. J. Johnson, and said her trouble was more than she could bear; that she had neither money nor friends, and she was going to take her life.

Wymbs declined to testify, saying it would be unfair for him to give his side of the trouble when she was unable to answer.

The couple were from Pennsylvania and lived for a time at Summerville. Mrs. Wymbs leaves three children, one of whom, Helen, 3 years old, is ill with fever. One of Mrs. Wymbs' last acts was to give directions concerning the baby's medicine.

Cause for Anger.

Mr. Wilkins was near the exploding point when his neighbor met him on the street.

"That man Tompkins," he burst out, "has more nerve than any one I ever met!"

"Why?" asked the neighbor, curiously.

"He came over to my house last evening and borrowed my gun to kill a dog that kept him awake nights."

"Well, what of that?"

"Why," shouted Mr. Wilkins, "it was my dog he killed!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Obliging Her.

The sweet young thing was being shown through the Baldwin locomotive works.

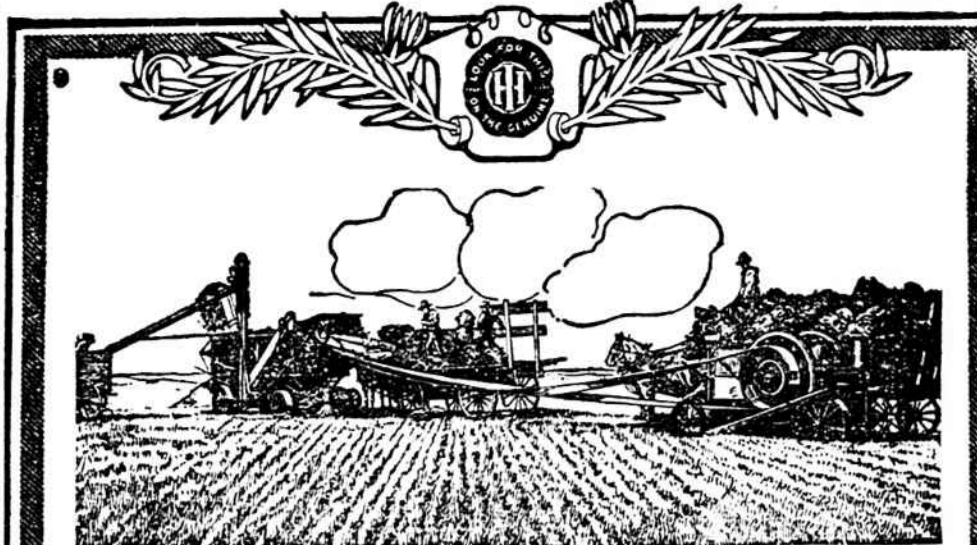
"What is that thing?" she asked, pointing with her dainty parasol.

"That," answered the guide, "is an engine boiler."

She was an up-to-date young lady and at once became interested. "And why do they boil engines?" she inquired again.

"To make the engine tender," politely replied the resourceful guide.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

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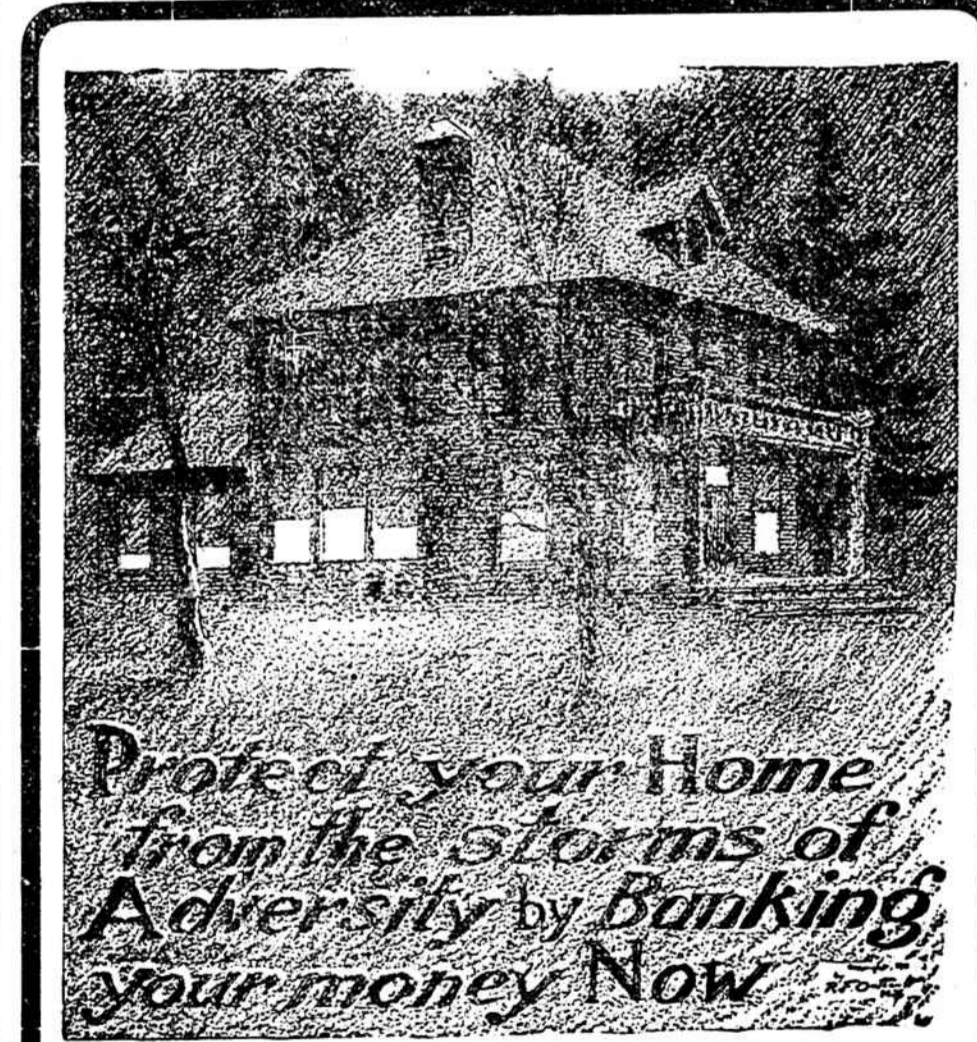
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HOUSE PASSES BYRNES'S BILL.

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