

The Storm's Echoes.

PITTSBURG, July 28.—The cyclone which struck western Pennsylvania last evening caused widespread destruction of property and several lives were lost.

Many buildings were unroofed, hundreds of trees unrooted, electric wires prostrated, windows shattered, outbuildings and even some dwellings upset and ruined.

Oil wells and shanties occupied by oil producers and workmen are thickly located along the banks of Cecil Creek.

Estimates of total damage run anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 in Allegheny county.

DANCERS DROWNED

PITTSBURG, July 28.—As news of last night's storm continues to come in from the outlying districts to-day, the magnitude of the disaster becomes more apparent.

At the boarding-house of Samuel McKinney at Cecil, Washington county, 13 merry makers were preparing for a dance last night when they were carried away almost without a moment's warning.

The dead were found to day strewn all along the flood-swept valley of Miller's Run, the nearest two miles from the scene of the disaster and the furthest eight miles below.

CLOUDBURSTS IN INDIANA.

ANDERSON, Ind., July 28.—The situation in the Indiana gas belt to-night is serious. The successive cloudbursts which have kept up with frightful regularity since midnight have swollen streams out of their banks and is flooding cities and towns.

White and other rivers, gave way this evening and the water swept along everything before it. People were rescued from second-story windows.

What Tom Watson Wants.

ATLANTA, July 29.—The Atlanta Constitution, desiring to learn just what Hon. Thos. E. Watson, the People's party Vice Presidential nominee, thinks of the present peculiar political situation, telegraphed him to-day as follows:

To this Mr. Watson replied: "Replying to yours, I state that what I have heretofore said was based upon the idea that your party should show some patriotism and retire Mr. Sewall."

New Periodicals.

A full supply of the latest periodicals—Free Century, Cosmopolitan, Scribner's Metropolitan, Black Cat, Frank Leslie's Monthly Delineator, etc.—just received.

The Coming State Fair.

The New Premium List—An Interesting Announcement

The new premium list of South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical society, containing all the premiums offered for the approaching fair, and all other information of value to intending exhibitors has at last been issued.

This premium list will be delivered and mailed to thousands of practical men in this State and throughout the Union.

The officers and members of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina would cordially invite farmers, manufacturers and mechanics to contribute specimens of their skill, ingenuity and taste to this exhibition.

II. Especially do we invite the earnest cooperation of the women of the country to contribute, by the refinement of their tastes, an exhibition of the results of home industry.

III. County agricultural, mechanical and horticultural societies of South Carolina are requested to make reports of their success, progress and proceedings to the State society in Columbia during fair week in November next.

IV. All associations throughout the Union having for their object in anywise whatsoever the industrial development of any portion of the United States are earnestly requested to send printed copies of their proceedings to the secretary of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina.

This year is offered to the public a large and varied premium list. The premiums are liberal, and the expenses of attending the fair are moderate.

Our fairs are rapidly growing in their usefulness as well as popularity. Over 30,000 visitors were in attendance during the last fair, and the exhibition of all classes of machinery and agricultural implements, as well as the display of home made goods, live stock, poultry, etc. has never been surpassed in the south.

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HOW COLUMBIA WAS NAMED.

A New Theory Advanced by An Old Citizen.

According to Mr. John Wesley Thomas, an old citizen of Columbia, this city is not indebted to history for its name, nor is the name a corruption of the name "Columbus," as is by some supposed.

Mr. Thomas says the city took its name from an old man who kept a blacksmith shop in the city. His statement is as follows:

"I was born in the lot back of the postoffice 71 years ago. At that time there was a man who lived on the lot back of Mrs. Comerford's store, on the northwest corner of Main and Blanding streets, and whose name was 'Columbia.'"

State Liquor Commissioner Mixson requests the statement that no liquor was purchased from the Mill Creek Distilling company after the "incident" referred to by Mr. Duncan. In justice to him the correction is cheerfully made.

The meeting of the campaign speakers at Florence was a disgrace to the State. We, however do not blame Judge Earle for slapping Gov. Evans' face.

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Meeting Trouble Half-way.

PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—A. G. Eliot & Co, well known paper manufacturers and dealers, of this city, made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors shortly before noon to-day.

The announcement of the failure caused great surprise on the street, as it was believed the firm was beyond probability of embarrassment.

The failure is not a mercantile one in any sense. It is said on good authority that it has not been caused by any losses in the firm's legitimate business, but is due entirely to the great shrinkage in the value of shares and securities.

New Cotton.

Augusta, says the Chronicle of July 31, leads every other city in the world probably in receipts of new cotton.

Yesterday was a record-breaker for time and quantity.

Including the first bale, which arrived after the market closed Wednesday, Augusta yesterday received five bales of new crop cotton.

The Alliance should have the support of all good citizens in its fight against the cotton tie trust. Every farmer whether he belongs to the organization or not ought to make this struggle a common cause.

Wm. J. Bryan is poorer in this world's goods than any other man who has ever stood for the presidency of the United States.

On Tuesday a queer looking craft, which was built for the destruction of Southern commerce and the capture of Southern defences, will enter a Southern port to remain permanently and in peace.

PROFITABLE PUBLICITY.

Summer Advertising, by Nathaniel C. Fowler, Jr., Doctor of Publicity.

Folks eat in summer. Folks wear clothes in summer. Folks all sit down in summer, and they walk, and they break dishes, and they use up in summer as much as they use up in winter.

If folks eat in summer, they must have something to eat, and if they have something to eat, and so long as there is a prejudice against stealing, they must buy that something.

If folks wear clothes in summer, they must wear out those clothes, and if they wear them out, they must go naked, or have more clothes, and if they have more clothes, they must buy those clothes.

If folks buy things in summer, because they have to, and if the stores must be kept open, is there any reason why stores shouldn't advertise when folks eat things wear things, wear-out things, and buy things?

Perhaps it is a coincidence, but the man who does the most business in the winter, and in the spring, fall and summer, and the man who makes the most money in the long run, is the man who advertises in all four of the seasons, and thinks more of increasing his advertising than he does of cutting it.

In the winter it is generally cold enough for activity, and there are theatre parties, and card parties, and entertainments of every sort.

Folks read in winter, but they do other things first. Folks read in summer, and do the other things afterwards, because it is easier to read than it is to perspire, and they read everything from the country newspaper to the circus poster.

Women will read advertisements in the summer when they will not read them in the winter. They think they haven't time in the winter, because they have something else to do.

Summer advertising may pay better than winter advertising.

Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines sold on easy terms, and exchanged for old ones at the Sumter Music House, in Masonic Temple.

J. O. U. A. M.

At a recent installation of officers of Sumter Council No. 7, Jr. O. U. A. M., the following officers were installed:

The Game Cocks Beaten.

The News and Courier makes the following report of the game yesterday between the Sumter and Charleston Base Ball team:

A sample of the worst kind of rooting was given at the ball park yesterday in the game between the Sumter and Junior Y. M. C. A. base ball clubs. The Sumter people evidently expected to win the game easily and they went to the park with gold and silver game cock figures and with plenty of black and yellow ribbons.

The attendance at the game was not very large, but it was one of the noisiest crowds ever seen or heard in the park.

Brunson started to pitch for the home team, but his arm was sore and after throwing two balls he got it up and went behind the bat, while Izard got into the box.

Summary. Earned Run—Charleston 2. Two-base Hits—Brunson 1, Wilder 1. Three base Hits—Klatte 1. Total Bases on Hits—Charleston 17, Sumter 9.

Their Combs and Gills Cut.

The Game Cocks were beaten, but they took their defeat like little men. It was a pity the Sumter boys did not win, they were so full of expectation and they worked the sphere until it was ball-headed sure enough.

The sand crate slid up to them, peeped over their shoulders, saw their hands and then played the trump cards and swept the deck. The score stood 9 to 5.

Dear, nice little men Please come again, With kerchiefs a heap To use when you weep.

In going to get a drink stop and think what bargains in Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines are to be had at the Sumter Music House, in the Masonic Temple building.

HARBY & CO.,

WHOLESALE BROKERS,

Cotton Storage Warehouse PROPRIETORS.

UP-TOWN OFFICE: COURT HOUSE SQUARE,

For Cash with order will sell 5,000 bushels Prime White

Corn sacked at 45c per bushel, in lots of one sack or upwards,

at Harby & Co's Warehouse.

Respectfully, HARBY & CO.

July 22.

To You

Who Buy

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At WHOLESALE PRICES.

By a special arrangement we are selling all books used in the Public School and other schools of this city at prices quoted in the wholesale list.

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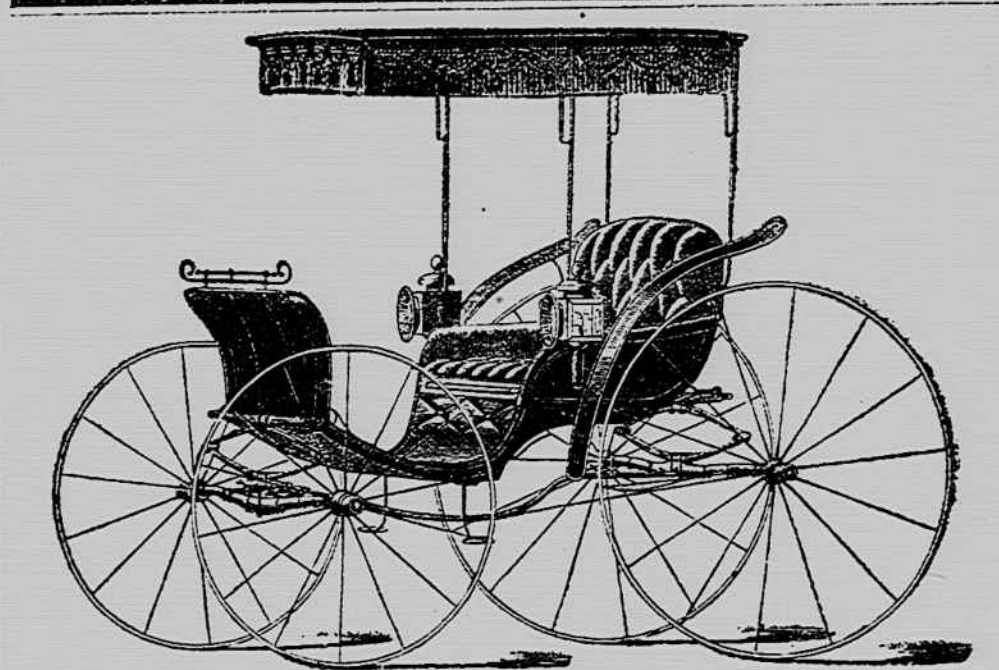
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NOTICE. I have got in stock a full line of Buggies, Ladies' Phaetons, Surreys, Carriages, one and two horse Farm Wagons, which I offer for sale at Low Prices.

GEO. F. EPPERSON.

HEADQUARTERS FOR Bargains is at T. C. SCAFFE'S.

FOR THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS WILL SELL AT 10 per cent. ABOVE COST All of his stock of China, Glassware, Willoware & Woodenware.

Silver Plated Ware.

A magnificent assortment at 25 cents per piece. This is a leader. The Peerless Oil Cooking Stove is the latest model and best manufactured.

STOVES AND RANGES

Always on hand. Housekeepers can be suited, no matter what they may need in any of the lines handled by Scaffa. The Workshop is better equipped than ever and every variety of Sheet Iron and Tin Work turned out promptly.

T. C. SCAFFE.

SUMTER, S. C., July 5th, 1896.

We don't claim to set the world on fire; but we do claim to be in position to sell the public generally the best buggy, carriage or wagon in the market for the money.

Spiral Spring Cortland Carts,

and a car load Auburn Wagons,

which will also go at lowest figures for CASH. Come and see before buying, and we will show you the

Best Assorted Stock

in the city, and charge nothing unless you buy. H. HARBY.