

AEOLUS OPENS HIS SACKS.

HIGH WIND SPRING UP IN EARLY MORNING WHICH DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Number of Electric Light Wires Burnt out—Telephone Poles Down in City and System Almost put out of Service in Country for Time Being—Repairs.

Jupiter Pluvius held sway in the city Thursday, but he had to give place to The Winds early Friday morning when Aeolus opened up his sacks and allowed them to escape and run riot through the town. In their freedom they played havoc with the electric light system, the telephone system, and did other pranks and mischief in and about town much to the detriment of the public welfare. Friday morning the wind continued, although its strength had abated from what it was between 3 o'clock and daylight. It was still rather disagreeable to people on the streets because of the sand which it blew in eyes, nose and mouth, and it was at times difficult to walk up the street with the wind blowing against one.

During the night the telephone system was damaged to a considerable extent, although it was stated this morning by one of the head linesmen of the exchange that it was impossible to say just what or how much damage had been done. Four poles were blown down on Kendrick street, one on Canal street and at the corner of Main and Canal streets a big oak tree had been blown down on the wires, the pole had broken off and all of the wires were torn down. The damage to the lines in the rural districts was even more severe, some of them being put out of commission for the time being and others being damaged to a greater or less extent.

At 4 o'clock Friday morning the head linesmen got out on the street and, after gathering their gangs together, set out to examine the lines for damages and to make repairs. The damages were soon discovered and the men at once set to work to put the lines back into service. The first work was started on the break at the corner of Main and Calhoun streets, this being the most serious in town. Here a new pole was erected and the gang of men were kept busy all morning transferring the wires to the new poles. Another gang went to work to raise the poles on Kendrick street and the damage on Canal street will probably be repaired also during the day. It was learned that all possible efforts will be made by the exchange to have all lines in town replaced in service Friday, or by Saturday anyway. As soon as this work is completed the linesmen will extend their operations to the country, where they will begin to repair the damages done by the wind and falling branches.

The long distance wires were also put out of commission by the storm. It is understood that the operators were allowed to go home Friday morning until the lines could be put back into commission, which will be as soon as repairs are completed.

The Sumter Lighting Company also suffered to some extent, but not nearly so much as the telephone exchange because of the depredations of the wind. The telephone wires in several places crossed the electric light wires and caused the latter to burn themselves out. Mr. E. H. Mosez, manager of the company, secured a gang of men shortly after 4 o'clock and started out to make repairs. By 10 o'clock Friday morning breaks in the wires in front of Ryttenberg's warehouse, on Manning avenue, at the corner of Calhoun and Main, and at the corner of Live Oak and Church were repaired and the light system was back in service. Later in the day the fire on South Main street did considerable damage to the electric light lines, but men were at once set to work to make repairs. No wires were broken.

J. A. Schwerin and Son, bill posters, suffered also from the wind. Several bill boards were blown down in town and the braces to others were badly loosened so that they had to be strengthened. At the Presbyterian Church a big oak fell across the fence and broke several panels of the iron fence which was erected around the church lot last summer.

A number of residents reported their fences blown down and limbs were blown from trees at various places in the city. However, no injuries of any kind to persons or animals from the wind have been heard of on the streets.

Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

ARKANSAS SENATOR DIES.

JEFFRIES DAVIS EXPIRES SUD- DENLY OF APOPLEXY.

He Gained Notoriety and Office by Radical Talk and Rough and Tum- ble Methods.

Little Rock, Jan. 3.—United States Senator Jeff Davis died suddenly at his home at 1 o'clock as the result of an attack of apoplexy.

Besides being a picturesque character in Washington during his one term in the Senate, which began in 1907, Senator Davis had the distinction of being the only man elected to the governorship of Arkansas three times. Previous to his seven years incumbency as governor of his state, Mr. Davis had been prosecuting attorney of the Fifth Arkansas judicial district and in 1898 was elected attorney general of the State.

Mr. Davis was born in Little River county, Arkansas, in 1862 and received his education at Russellville, Ark., and at Vanderbilt university, graduating from the latter institution in 1884. He was admitted to the bar the same year and soon after began to practice.

BOY SHOT WITH PARLOR RIFLE.

Ball Passes Through Foot of Little Bryan Michaux at Dillon.

Dillon, Dec. 31.—The iniquitous and ubiquitous parlor rifle has added another to the long list of Christmas accidents in the persons of little Bryan Michaux, 10 years old, oldest son of Dr. D. M. Michaux. Fortunately, while a painful injury, it is not necessarily a serious one. Yesterday afternoon Bryan and a companion about the same age went out in a neighboring field to try their skill. While waiting for game he rested the muzzle of the harmless toy on his foot; in some way it went off and Bryan came home limping with a game foot, the ball having passed entirely through shoe, foot and all.

Dr. and Mrs. Michaux were for a number of years residents of Sumter and have many friends and relatives here who will hear with regret of the accident to their oldest son.

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blow with terrific force at the far north and play havoc with the skin, causing red, rough or sore chapped hands and lips, that need Bucklen's Arnica Salve to heal them. It makes the skin soft and smooth. Unrivaled for cold sores, also burns, boils, sores, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. Only 25c at Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

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Manning Times.
Sumter has employed a municipal manager, and we will bet doughnuts to dollars that its government will not be run more efficiently than our town government with as little money. Manning is not heavily bonded and it is being run as economically as any town in the State of its size.

A Girl's Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horse back at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

The fire Friday morning showed that the Claremont hotel has plenty of fire apparatus in their building with which to fight fire in case one breaks out there, it remains to be seen, however, whether or not the apparatus can be so successfully used if their own building is the one on fire.

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The wind was rather disagreeable to people on the streets Friday, as it blew the grit and dust about indiscriminately in everybody's mouth and eyes.

A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so-called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50c at Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

CAN'T PROMOTE GOETHALS.

TAFT PLAN AROUSES STRONG OPPOSITION.

Democrat and Republican Senators Agree That Elevation of Goethals and Dismissal of Other Members of Panama Commission Would be Rank Favoritism.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Opposition of Democratic senators to President Taft's plan of putting Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, at the head of the civil government of the zone, took such proportions today that some of Mr. Taft's advisers urged him to forego the plan and leave the creation of the zone government to his successor, President-elect Wilson.

Some who talked with the president early in the day were convinced that he would canvass the situation further before abandoning his plan. Others in close touch with the president were positive that out of consideration for Col. Goethals, whom he does not wish to involve in a political dispute, he would give up the idea.

One feature of the plan, however, if Col. Goethals is not put at the head of the zone government, is to place all employes of the canal work under civil service by the president's executive order. A few employes on the isthmus already are in civil service, but the great number of the canal workers have been appointed by the isthmian canal commission.

The attitude of the Democratic senators is that the present canal commission should not be displaced and disorganized until the canal is completed.

"The bill authorizing the president to organize a civil government for the canal zone never could have become a law, but for the assurance that there would be no premature action," said Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia. "We accepted this assurance as meaning that the commission would be allowed to continue its labors until construction should be finished and the water running."

The Democrats further take the position that the services of all the members of the commission are needed still and they contend that to provide for Col. Goethals and summarily dismiss all other commissioners would be an unfair discrimination. Generally they express admiration for Col. Goethals. Senator Smith went so far as to say that he would favor conferring all possible military honors upon him.

"But to lift him alone out of the commission for any purpose and leave the commissioners out of consideration and to deprive the country of the service of the commission at what may be a critical time, I believe to be neither wise nor fair," Senator Smith continued.

He said that many Republican senators expressed this view, and he added his conviction that if Col. Goethals' nomination should be sent in it could not be confirmed at this time.

Hints for Housekeepers.

*Keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always on hand, and you can quickly head off a cold by its prompt use. It contains no opiates, heals and soothes the inflamed air passages, stops the cough, and may save a big doctor's bill. In the yellow package. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

Capt. J. W. Hamel has sold the Camden News to the Camden Chronicle.

*W. R. Fox, 195 W. Washington St., Noblesville, Ind., says: "After suffering many months with kidney trouble, after trying other remedies and prescriptions, I purchased a box of Foley Kidney Pills which not only did me more good than any other remedies I ever used, but have positively set my kidneys right. Other members of my family have used them with similar results." Take at the first sign of kidney trouble. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

When the parcels post gets to going in real earnest the city carriers will need wagons to make their deliveries—if not wagons, then push carts.

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Marriage License Record.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following colored couples Thursday: H. W. Myers and Ella Crasson, Sumter; O'Neil Jackson and Hattie Drayton, Daltzell; Alexander Cantey, Privateer, and Mary Harvin, Stateburg.

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NEGROES TO BECOME EXTINCT.

So Declares Prof. Smith Basing His Calculations on the Census Report Figures.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—"The negro race in the United States will become extinct in the year 2132, or 220 years from date.

"The last black person will be a negress, and she will die in the South."

These are the statements just issued by Professor William Benjamin Smith, a noted Southern educator who occupies the chair of philosophy in Tulane University, New Orleans. They come as a result of his study of the United States census report for Louisiana, as recently sent out.

"Never was there a more perfect exemplification of the Darwinian law of the 'the survival of the fittest,'" said Professor Smith, "than in the future of the negro race, as foretold by this census report. The negroes as a race will pass forever from the United States in approximately 230 years, and the last one of them will be a very mixed blood, probably French and negro, so slightly imbued with the original African taint that it will show only in her hair and eyes.

The report shows he continued, "that among the whites of Louisiana male births are gaining in proportion to the female—a sure indication of the virulency, permanency and stamina of the whites. But the same report shows also that among the negroes, female births are increasing over male. This means the gradual disintegration or dissolution of the black tribe.

"Information from other Southern States, also contained in the census report shows the same condition to exist in other heavily negro inhabited States.

"If the negro race were in the ascendancy, or even holding its own, male births would be at least equal to the female births. From the figures, therefore, there can be no other conclusion except that inexorable law of the survival of the best is coming into its own, not only in Louisiana, but throughout the South.

"The negro has come almost to

HEINOUS CRIMES CHARGED.

Head of Orphanage Arrested for Outrages Upon Children.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 1.—Henry C. Hoffman, formerly a Methodist minister, and head of an orphanage home at Deland, Fla., is under arrest here charged with criminally assaulting an eight-year-old girl, an inmate of the institution. The warrant for his arrest was mailed from Deland, Hoffman, who has made his home here since September, is 59 years old, and married. Since coming to Owensboro he has organized a band of Holy Rollers. Hoffman said he would return to Florida without requisition papers. He declared he was innocent and that the charges were the result of spite work.

"In 1850 the negro was numerically predominant in Louisiana, but since 1880 he has been dwindling in numbers, not so much through emigration to other States as through careless habits of life, disease and death. Tuberculosis alone has killed thousands indeed, I believe it has been the principal agency which has been decimating the negro race. Even though this disease and the other factors had not been at work the failure of the race to reproduce itself, as shown by the census figures, would insure its destruction, though a trifle longer time would have been required to accomplish it."

Charged by Three Others.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Deland says:


"Henry C. Hoffman, arrested today at Owensboro, Ky., is charged with criminal assault upon a 10-year-old white girl, inmate of the orphanage at Enterprise, Florida. He is also charged by three other girls of the institution ranging in age from fourteen to sixteen years, of having illicit intercourse with them. The rumors of illicit relations with the children became general, and he was discharged by the trustees of the institution. It was later reported he had gone to Germany. The man is well connected in this State.

Olanta Installs Officers.

Beulah Lodge of Masons at Olanta installed the following officers Friday: J. M. Knight, W. M., Alva B. Gross, S. W., Liston B. Smith, J. W., J. L. McLendon, Treasurer, H. V. Lee, Secretary, E. H. Kennedy, S. D., J. C. Lee, J. D., W. H. Floyd, Tiler, M. D. Meyers and P. J. Payne, Stewards.—Manning Times.

When the city of Sumter gets into good financial condition the first job to be undertaken should be the paving of Liberty Street with vitrified brick from Harvin to Sumter Street. This section of Liberty Street is given over to business and is as much used as any part of Main street.

Mr. J. W. Dohrman, of Cabbot, Arizona, is visiting at the home of M. E. Randle.



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