

MANY DEAD IN FLOODS.

RAGING WATERS SWEEP RIVER VALLEYS IN FOUR STATES.

Death and Destruction Following Floods May Be Appalling—Dead May Reach Hundreds and Property Loss \$20,000,000—60 Dead at Dayton—Many Places which Suffered.

Chicago, March 25.—Floods almost unprecedented in area, following the tornadoes and rains of the last three days, today swept four States of the Mississippi valley, causing a loss of life that may reach into the hundreds and damage to property amounting to many millions of dollars. Ohio and Indiana, and in a lesser degree Illinois and Missouri, felt the brunt of the disaster. At Dayton more than 60 persons are reported drowned, following the breaking of the Miami river levee and the Laramie reservoir, 50 miles above the city.

When the Associated Press correspondents wired, on reaching the city, anxiety caused by exaggerated reports of loss of life was at rest, although there was great difficulty in obtaining details. Marooned in office buildings in the center of the town, hundreds of persons were awaiting rescue. Streets heretofore considered miles from the danger line are under eight feet of water, the torrential force of which precludes rescue in boats.

Millions of dollars in property damage has already been incurred and the flood is still on the increase. From Indianapolis came reports of 100,000 homeless throughout Indiana and a property loss reaching the enormous figure of \$20,000,000 in cities, towns and villages alone. This does not include the losses to farmers. The loss of life, while not so great as in Ohio, has not yet been estimated.

The climax of the flood in Ohio was reached at Dayton, where tonight it was reported that the water is from 20 to 40 feet deep in many streets; that bodies were floating past the windows of office buildings and that the catastrophe assumed the proportions of a tidal wave.

At Delaware scores are reported dead and many missing. B. J. Leas, mayor of that city, reported drowned. He has been saved. He estimated the death list at from 25 to 75. Otto, a hamlet of 100 persons, was said to be destroyed, and the fate of the inhabitants was unknown. The death list in many cities and towns, including Fort Wayne, LaFayette, Richmond, Marion, Muncie, Kokomo, Connersville and Logansport, totaled 15 persons.

At LaFayette the loss extends to millions. Richmond is in darkness and 20 bridges in Wayne county were destroyed. At Rushville half a million dollars of damage was done in the business and the residence districts. At Kokomo the property loss was estimated at \$1,000,000 and 500 persons are living in the second stories of their buildings.

Similar conditions were reported from Anderson, Marion, Tipton, Peru and Noblesville. Reports concerning the appalling nature of the floods, which in most instances it was impossible to verify, were received tonight from widely scattered sources. The most serious of these were:

An unconfirmed report from Springfield, Ohio, that 5,000 lives had been lost at Dayton and 500 at Piqua. A report apparently more fully authenticated from Indianapolis that from 200 to 500 had been drowned at Peru, Ind. A message received at Phoneton, Ohio, that the reservoir at Hamilton had broken and that 1,000 persons had been drowned. Continued efforts for verification were futile.

An unconfirmed but persistent rumor from Marion, Ind., that the Grand reservoir at Celina, Ohio, had gone out, causing an unprecedented flood in the Wabash valley. Later reports from Delaware, Ohio, said that 75 to 100 were dead. More conservative figures cut this report in half. In few cases is it possible to trace these reports to any definite source.

On Indiana and parts of Illinois and Missouri suffered most severely. Terre Haute, Indianapolis and LaFayette, in Indiana, and Delaware, Dayton, Columbus and Youngstown, in Ohio, present particularly pitiful spectacles. In all of these cities there was some loss of life, according to reports available, and in each city the property loss was heavy. In Delaware, Ohio, 19 persons are known to have lost their lives, and 50 to 60 others are missing. Terre Haute, swept by a disastrous tornado last Sunday, today was partly inundated, interfering with the removal of stricken families. The death list still remained at 20, while the list of injured aggregates 250.

COUNTING THE DEAD.

OMAHA AWAKENS TO HORROR OF ITS STORM-BRED SITUATION.

With 250 Killed and 500 Injured in Immediate Neighborhood, and With Property Loss Appalling, City Faces Future Determined to Master Its Difficulties.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.—For the first time since the disastrous tornado of Easter Sunday the people of Omaha today began to count the cost in lives and dollars. When a resume was made it was apparently more appalling than those who had studied the result were willing to admit.

Not less than 200 lives were snuffed out within the vicinity of the city proper and not less than 500 persons in surrounding towns lost their lives. Nearly 500 were injured and eight of these died in local hospitals during the day. The destitution was augmented today when nearly three inches of snow fell, making uninhabitable the houses of many who had prepared to retain temporary homes in partly destroyed structures. So far as money might relieve the conditions were concerned, tenders of sums aggregating a million dollars were in the hands of the city commissioners when the day ended. The offers came from nearly every section of the country and were made unconditionally.

The greatest work today was that of organizing a systematic relief bureau with seven branch stations in the territory covered by the tornado. These stretched over a strip seven miles long and those in charge handed out material assistance to all comers who showed they were in need of aid. Bodies of dead or injured still lie in the debris and wreckage and the search for federal soldiers and anxious relatives of possible victims continued through the storm last night and this morning. Some residents of the district declare it their belief that at least 100 bodies are buried in the ruins of houses and brick buildings of amusement places which are known to have been filled with pleasure seekers Easter Sunday.

City officials, however, did not estimate the unreported in as large a number, admitting nevertheless that many persons yet to be accounted for. Throughout the night federal soldiers guarded the afflicted section of the city with utmost diligence, denying admittance even to city police and county officials.

Some of the business men, delayed in that section of Omaha, until after dark, were denied the right to pass through the wrecked portion of the city to their homes.

A dead line has been established at Lake avenue from Sixteenth to Thirteenth street. City police are stopped by soldiers when Lake street is reached and told that their patrols end there.

SUMTER BOY WINS HONORS.

E. W. Dabbs Chosen Orator in State Contest from Citadel—President of Y. M. C. A.

A Sumter County boy has won honors at the Citadel recently. Eugene W. Dabbs, Jr., a junior at the Citadel, was chosen by the judges in the preliminary contest Saturday night to represent the Citadel in the State Oratorical contest to be held at Rock Hill the latter part of April. Two years ago Mr. E. A. Merrimon of this city was chosen from the Citadel to represent that institution in the State Oratorical contest.

Mr. Dabbs at a recent meeting of the executive board of the cadet Y. M. C. A. was nominated and later chosen president of the cadet organization for the ensuing year. All of the honors won by boys attending college from this county are not won by boys from the City of Sumter, although the boys graduating from the high school generally take a high stand at the various institutions which they attend. It is learned that a college student from this county who is a graduate of the high school has made the grade of "A" on every study on all reports sent home this year. He has also made double stars on all examinations during the year. This is a boy who has won honors before, winning several of the major prizes in scholarship and athletics at the field day exercises of this county.

The pumping plant was forced to suspend operations and the city is without fire protection. At Peru property damage of half a million was done by the flood it was reported. Logansport also was under water.

Gov. Keston this afternoon received a frantic appeal from Connersville, Ind., for aid for many suffering from the flood. It was said White river had broken over its banks and great loss of life had followed. The entire business district of Rushville and part of the residence section is under water. One person is reported drowned. No trains entered or departed from that city today. Cincinnati experienced a cloudburst early today which started the Ohio river rising rapidly and flooded many of the streets.

A big dam a short distance north of Akron, Ohio, burst this afternoon and horsemen were sent throughout the valley to warn the populace of the impending danger. Hundreds fled to higher ground. The big bridge over the Miami river at Middletown, Ohio, went out this afternoon. Fifteen persons were reported missing. Several houses were seen floating down the river.

Sweeping up the Ohio valley from the west the third storm in 10 days devastated different sections between Louisville and Cincinnati in Kentucky, southwestern Ohio and Indiana. At Louisville the wind maintained a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

Other cities affected by the flood and storm are: Lima, Ohio—Flooded by the Ottawa river. Ten miles of trains held up by a washout at Middle Point. Springfield, Ohio—Main river and Buck creek both out of banks and several hundred houses flooded. Larue, Ohio—Inundated, many persons homeless and much suffering. West Liberty, Ohio—Mad river overflowing its banks. Fort Wayne, Ind.—St. Joseph, Maumee and St. Mary rivers on a rampage. Town without lights and water famine threatened. Highest water in 29 years. Marion, Ind.—Five hundred persons forced to flee for their lives. Ellettsville, Ind.—Three hundred persons reported missing. St. Louis, Mo.—One person known to have been drowned by his family forced to leave their homes. Youngstown, Ohio—Twenty-five thousand men idle by reason of closing down of the mills and factories. The flood is the worst experienced in many years.

DAYTON UNDER WATER.

A TERRIFIC TRAGEDY IN OHIO CITY.

Prosperous Town Now a Huge River, Three Miles Wide, Through Which Waters Sweep with Terrific Force. Hundreds or Thousands May Be Dead, Rescuers Say—Hardships for Those Who Escape.

Dayton, Ohio, March 25.—At midnight the crest of the flood was reached and the water began to fall at the rate of an inch an hour.

Dayton, Ohio, March 25. (By Telephone via Xenia.)—Dayton is tonight nothing less than a seething river three miles wide, a mile and a half on each side of Main street, its principal thoroughfare, while it is estimated from 2,000 to 5,000 people have perished.

The Algoquin hotel is submerged to its third story and above this level in the downtown district office buildings, hotels and business houses are places of refuge.

A school building that was known to have housed no less than 400 children shortly before the waters rushed in that direction is entirely submerged and as far as can be ascertained all of these little ones met a watery grave.

Thousands of those who were fortunate enough to have escaped the first rush of the waters are being fed tonight on short rations.

Three trainloads of foodstuffs have arrived from Xenia, but as yet there has been no chance to deliver them, and suffering from hunger as well as exposure is bound to occur within the next few hours.

The rain continues and the waters are still rising. The Union railroad bridge that admits all except one of the railroads into the city was dynamited this afternoon, but the effect was not felt to any marked degree.

Dayton, March 25.—Dayton, ex-capt for its most remote suburbs tonight was covered from eight to 20 feet with a seething flood of water.

Any attempt to estimate the loss of life is hopeless. It is sure to run into the hundreds and very likely into the thousands.

The property loss will total millions of dollars.

The flooded district comprises a practical acre with a radius of a mile and a half and in no place is the water less than six feet deep.

In Main street, in the downtown section, the water is 20 feet deep. The horror of the flooded district is heightened by more than a dozen fires which can be seen in the flooded district but which are out of reach of fire fighters.

Most of the businesses houses and nearly all of the residences have occupants. Down town the offices are filled with men unable to get home. On the upper floor and on some of the roofs of the residences are helpless women and children. Hundreds of houses, substantial buildings in the residence districts, many with helpless occupants, have been washed away.

The number of drowned can not be estimated until the flood subsides. St. Elizabeth's hospital, with 600 patients, was reported to have been washed away. The building was known to be in many feet of water and indications are that the report may prove true.

The electric light plants were put out of business early in the day and total darkness, coupled with a torrential downpour, added to the horrors of the night.

Famine also became an immediate possibility. All of the supply and grocery houses are in the submerged district and at midnight it was said there was not enough bread to last the survivors another day.

John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register company, who headed the relief work in the south end of the city, sent out an appeal for food supplies and for doctors and medicine. Tonight 3,000 homeless were housed in his company's offices.

A fire which started from an explosion in the Myers Ice Cream company, near Wyoming street, spread and burned the block on South Park, a block from Wyoming. Another big fire is reported to have burned a down town block.

The breaking of the Tarleton reservoir, which supplies the drinking water, left the city without water and physicians declared there was great danger of typhoid in the use of the flood water.

There are no boats in Dayton which can breast the current, and those on the outside early gave up any attempts to reach business sections.

On the south side, where the National Cash Register company centered its efforts at rescue, many saved their lives by creeping on a cable a hundred feet above the flood.

At first linemen worked their way along the cables carrying two ropes to which the flat bottomed boats were attached. When the flood became so fierce that the boats no longer were able to prevail against it, men and women crept along the cables to safety. Others, less daring, saw darkness fall and gave up hope of rescue.

Those willing to risk their lives in the attempt to rescue, found themselves helpless in face of the water.

Seventy thousand of Dayton's population, it is reported, are homeless. The National Cash Register plant, on a high hill, offers the only haven in the south end. Three women became mothers in the halls of its office building tonight.

In the woodworking department of the National Cash Register company hats were being turned out at the rate of ten an hour, and these were rushed to where the waters had crossed Main street in a sort of gully.

But the waters crept up and the strength of the current was far too strong for the crude punts, though they were the best that could be made in a hurry. Trip after trip was made and hundreds of the refugees were taken from this street to the other side, then came the path of the flames, starting at Vine and Main streets. It jumped Main street and the houses on the other side were soon aflame.

In the middle of the street were a few frame houses that had been washed from their foundations. These were swirled about for a time, and as the section by aid in the passing of the section by aid in the passing of the path of the flames.

Persons hurried from their roof tops, where they had been driven by the flood, to the roof tops of adjoining houses.

Then the sun went down, leaving a desolate light from the fire. Nothing but sunshine is needed for the growth of the basket crop. Charleston Post.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NUMBER OF MATTERS BROUGHT UP AT TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Houses Must Connect With Sewer When Water and Sewerage Lines are Accessible—Sidewalks Must be Cleared—Will Extend Church Street Sewer Line to Water Plant—Mary Street Drain—Broad Street Paving—Request for Light on Hill Street—Water Consumers Must Pay Up.

City Council held its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening and for more than two hours talked about various matters of interest to the city. The most important action taken was that to require all houses having access to sewer and water lines to connect with them.

Council was to meet at 7 o'clock, but it was some time after that when the minutes were read and Council got down to business.

Mr. Jennings stated that he had written Mr. W. Lee Harbin that he must clear the sidewalks in front of and to the side of the City National Bank Building by Wednesday morning, or Chief Sumter would take a hand in the matter. He said that complaint of the obstruction of the sidewalk had been made to him some time ago, but upon request of Mr. Harbin he had not taken any action until Mr. L. C. Strauss, Mr. Harbin's attorney, had returned to the city and Mr. Harbin had time to consult with him. He promised, however, that immediate steps would be taken now and that the obstructions would be removed.

Mr. Booth suggested that the building on Liberty Street built and used as an office by Mr. Harbin be removed but Mr. Jennings did not see why it should be moved until Mr. Harbin completed the two buildings he was at work on. No action was taken.

A letter from the Consolidated Insurance Company stating why the insurance rates on the city hall are so high was read and received as information. It was decided to ascertain the cost of the changes which were recommended with a view to making them and reducing the insurance rates. This matter was referred to the City Manager.

A letter from the Game Cock Building and Loan Association asking for an exemption from taxes was read and the agreement was entered into with the administrators of the Rickert estate that the pipe which had been installed under a corner of their lot on Mary street should be removed, if at any time they should desire it.

Mr. Worthington stated that the Mary street drain had been completed and the line was now being extended down Sumter street. He was authorized to extend it on into Bee street so that it would drain a low place in that street. Mr. Worthington stated that he had kept an account of the cost of installing the Mary street drain and as soon as a sand trap was installed, he would let the railroad company know what their half of the cost was.

The next matter to come up was the extension of the sewer line on Church street. Mr. Worthington stated that a request had been made that it be extended as far as the pumping station. This would be rather difficult, as the fall was very slight and the distance about 350 feet, but he would endeavor to do this, if Council so directed. After discussing this matter for some time Council directed the clerk to draw up an ordinance making it compulsory for all premises within the city having access to water mains and sewer lines to connect with them.

Mr. Rowland stated that citizens of Broad street were anxious to have their street paved, and asked if the city would pay the cost of laying the pavement, if at any time it could afford to do so. It was decided that the city should reimburse property owners one-half the cost, without interest, at any time in the future when it shall have funds in hand which may be devoted to this purpose. Provided, however, that the property owners should have the approval and that in case the city is allowed by law to assess abutting property for such improvements, the city be required to pay only one-third of the cost of the paving.

Mr. Rowland reported that he had checked over the City Clerk's report for February and found it correct. A number of bills were gone over and ordered paid upon approval.

D. R. McCallum, Jr., asked permission to erect an awning for a store on South Main street three feet narrower than the pavement. Action was deferred until the matter could be investigated.

Mr. McCallum also asked that lights be erected on Hazell street, a request which had been made before. He also requested that a good sidewalk be constructed on the street. Mr. Worthington recommended a light at the corner of Hazell and Chestnut streets and stated that he would do the necessary work on the sidewalk as soon as he could get to it in regular order.

The City Clerk presented a list of unpaid water accounts and Council ordered the water cut off at all premises where the accounts were not paid by April 1st.

An ordinance to regulate the construction and use of surface closets was referred to the Board of Health for their sanction before action was taken.

IN THE CIVIL COURT.

Case of Mrs. B. C. Irby Against the Southern Express Company.

Only one case was heard in the Court of Common Pleas Tuesday morning. This was a suit for \$500 brought by Mrs. B. C. Irby against the Southern Express Company. The case had not been completed when court adjourned for dinner. Mr. L. D. Jennings represented the plaintiff and Messrs. Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore the defendant.

Laying Pipe on Sumter Street.

The work of laying drain pipe on Sumter street between the railroad and Bee street is making good progress. Already pipe has been laid from Sook's Branch to Sumter street along Mary street and the effort is now being made to make the system complete by extending the line so that it will drain what has heretofore been a pond at the corner of South Main and Bee streets. Several other law places on South Main street will also be drained when this line is completed.

The street which the city was to extend out across Sook's Branch, a continuation of Mary street, to meet the prolongation of Council street, has now been built up, but it is supposed that it will be constructed as soon as it is needed.

Those farmers who planted catch hay fall now have a fine crop of hay in prospect.

BULGARS CAPTURE OUTPOSTS.

FIRST LINE OF DEFENSES TO ADRIANOPLE FALL BEFORE BULGARIAN ASSAULT.

Many Prisoners and Guns Captured When Line of Forts Fell—Allies Make Gradual Advance upon the Turkish Sacred City.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 25.—The Turkish advance positions and all the fortified positions to the east of the fortress of Adrianople were captured by the Bulgarian besiegers this morning.

After a heavy bombardment with all the siege guns at their disposal, the Bulgarians carried out a general assault on all the fronts of the fortress.

The works to the east of the city were carried by storm, the Bulgarian infantry driving out the Ottoman defenders at the point of the bayonet.

The forts on the north, west and south resisted the attack successfully. A large number of Turkish prisoners and siege guns were captured by the Bulgarians.

The fortified positions on the ridge immediately facing the forts on the eastern side of the citadel were taken by the Bulgarians in successive bayonet charges. They are now in the hands of Bulgarian artillery. The attack captured 12 siege guns, four quick runners and about 300 Turkish prisoners.

Bulgarian outposts now occupy Sorwandere, about 1,000 yards from the line of forts defending the city. They have entrenched themselves on the captured territory.

CEASE FIRING ON SCUTARI.

Blesing Troops Stop Bombardment of Fortress at Behest of Friendly Allies.

Belgrade, Serbia, March 25.—The bombardment of Scutari is understood to have been stopped on orders from the Serbian government.

Serbia acted on the advice of the French and Russian ministers, who notified the Serbian people that the powers had come to the unalterable decision that Scutari must belong to the future State of Albania.

YIELDS TO AUSTRIA'S DEMAND.

Montenegro Decides to Permit Civilian Population to Leave Scutari but Will File Protest.

Cettinje, March 25.—The Montenegrin government, in replying to the Austro-Hungarian note, agreed today to permit the civilian population of Scutari to leave the city. This was the most radical of Austria's demands. At the same time Montenegro informs Austria that the Montenegrin government had addressed a note to the powers, protesting against Austria's action, which it calls a breach of neutrality.

TO PROPOSE NEW FRONTIER.

Balkan Allies Apparently are Willing to Have Bulgaria Barred From Sea of Marmora.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 25.—The reply of the Balkan allies to the powers on the suggested mediation between Turkey and Bulgaria should run from Midia on the Black sea by way of Saradi, above Rodosto, to the Gulf of Suras, an inlet of the Aegean sea. In this way Bulgaria would be excluded from the Sea of Marmora in accordance with the desire of the powers.

Bulgaria, however, and the other Balkan allies insist upon the payment of an indemnity by Turkey. They are willing to suspend hostilities at once if Turkey surrenders the fortress of Adrianople and demobilizes her armies.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Mrs. B. C. Irby Awarded Damages of \$550 Against Southern Express Company.

The case of Mrs. B. C. Irby against the Southern Express Company came to a conclusion late Tuesday afternoon, when after court adjourned the jury agreed upon a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$550 damages.

The suit was one to recover \$500 damages because of the loss of a plot of a piece of land owned by Mrs. Irby. Mr. Mark Reynolds represented the defendant and Mr. L. D. Jennings the plaintiff.

A PROLIFIC BREED.

Sow Belonging to W. T. Atkinson Gives Birth to Forty-Two Pigs in Three Litters.

Mr. W. T. Atkinson, who lives out beyond the city limits on Broad street, has a sow which is probably one of the most prolific, if not the most prolific, in the State. This sow has in three litters given birth to forty-two pigs, twenty-two of which were raised of the first two litters, while the third litter is only a couple of days old yet.

The sow is a cross of O. I. C. and Berkshire breeds and is an uncommonly large animal. The first litter consisted of fourteen, twelve of which were raised. Of the second litter of twelve ten were raised, a horse stepping on and killing two. The sow gave birth to a third litter of sixteen Monday of which twelve are living. Three were killed by a buzzard and the sow crushed one.

NEGROES BREAK JAIL.

Orangeburg, March 24.—Three negroes, Boisy Jones, Josh Taylor and Robert Kaiser, broke out of the city jail last night and made good their flight. When the city officers went to the cells this morning to get the prisoners the escape was discovered. This is the second jail delivery in the last seven months. City council has planned to erect a new jail for some time.

Piano Revital.

On next Monday evening there will be given in Mr. Moise's studio a piano recital by Miss Ethel Green and Miss Rita Schwartz.

These two young ladies have devoted much time to the study of the piano and have become really accomplished performers, in addition to being endowed with natural talents.

They are members of the Fourth Year High School and have readily consented to give this recital in behalf of the fund to be used for the decoration of the Hampton School auditorium. To this end an admission fee will be charged.

Mr. Moise, their instructor, will play two selections thus adding to the attractiveness of the program.

The rural policemen should be required to enforce the law against plowing into the public roads or otherwise encroaching upon the right of way of the public highways. There is no use in building good roads only to have them destroyed by careless plowmen.

A \$20,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

Gabriel C. Kendrick Sues Northwestern for Damages on Two Counts.

The suit of Gabriel C. Kendrick against the Northwestern Railway Company for \$20,000 damages was entered upon in the civil court Thursday morning and will probably continue for the rest of the day.

Kendrick, a colored man, alleges that he was hurt at two different times due to the negligence of the railroad company, one time to the amount of \$15,000 and the second time to the amount of \$5,000. Messrs. J. H. Clifton and Geo. D. Levy represent the plaintiff and Messrs. R. D. Lee and R. O. Purdy the defendant.

TO SUCCEED JUDGE GOFF.

Candidacy of West Virginia Man Being Urged.

Washington, March 24.—In spite of the wide-spread impression that Justice C. A. Woods, of the South Carolina Supreme Court, has the inside track in the race to succeed Judge Goff on the 4th Federal Circuit bench, strenuous efforts continue to be made in behalf of the candidacy of Representative John W. Davis, of West Virginia, who has the backing of the entire judicial committee of the House.

Speaker Champ Clark made a powerful statement to Attorney General McReynolds in the interest of Mr. Davis Saturday, and it is understood that Judge Goff himself today strongly endorsed the young West Virginian.

Some Random Thoughts.

For lack of time this week we will have to report some interesting letters from the Progressive Farmer. I am glad that the Editor of the Watchman and Southron has become as careful a reader of this best of all agricultural papers for our section, as I used to be and is reprinting each week some of the timely articles from its pages.

I wonder how many of the Farmers' Union members remember where and when the next county union will convene? May I ask also how many have any definite plan to make to the meeting of some benefit to the membership. If every member when he attends a local or county meeting would try to see that he contributed something to the pleasure or profit of the brethren there would be a large increase in membership and influence.

To the ladies in Sumter county particularly I wish to commend the letter of Mrs. S. E. Taylor, giving her ideas of how you may make the Farmers' Union more useful both to yourselves and your husbands, brothers and sweethearts. E. W. D.

Death.

News was received here Thursday morning of the death of James T. Booth, the little eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Booth at Lone Star.

The body was brought here on Thursday from Lone Star and was taken to the residence of Mrs. M. C. Kilgore on South Sumter Street. The funeral services were held at Mrs. Kilgore's residence at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, interment at the cemetery.

Little Small Pox Here.

In view of the fact that there is a report about town that many cases of small pox are in the city at the present time it will be of interest to everybody to know that this is not the case. There are now only three cases in town, although there are several reported cases on the Broad Street road beyond the city limits and other cases in Bingham town beyond the cemetery.

However, those cases in the city are being kept in quarantine and there is no danger from them.

Clean-up Day, April 10.

The following is the list of ladies having charge of "clean-up day": Mrs. A. M. Bogin, Mrs. R. S. Hood, Mrs. W. S. Dinkins, Mrs. Geo. Epperson, Mrs. Abe Weinberg, Mrs. Ashleigh Wood, Mrs. John Haynsworth, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Miss Brunson, Miss F. Teicher, Mrs. L. W. Whitehead.

This committee is requested to attend a meeting at home of chairman, Mrs. Ferd Levi, Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Attention Veterans.

Attend the meeting of Camp Dick Anderson at the Auditor's office in this city on the first Saturday in April, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing officers and appointing delegates to the Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., besides other business that requires your attention.

By order Perry Moses, Commandant, E. Scott Carson, Adjutant.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, March 27. Good Middling 12 1-4. Strict Middling 12 1-8. Middling 12. Low Middling 11 5-8. Strict Low Middling 11. Staple cotton, nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Opening. Close. New York, March 27. March 12.43 12.34 May 12.03 11.95 July 11.95 11.86 Oct. 11.53 11.44

Clarendon County Delegates.

The Sunday School Convention at Santee, April 2-4, will be the largest in the history of the State Convention. More people are asking to go than can be accommodated. There will be reduced railroad rates and free entertainment. In order to be entertained, the delegates must have signed credentials. Clarendon county is entitled to delegates. If you expect to go to Sumter secure credentials from C. A. McFadden, County President.—Manning Times.