

THREE SCORE DEAD

Victims of the Cyclone Placed at Sixty

SCENES OF GREAT DEVASTATION

Later Details of the Death-Dealing Storm—Some of Its Queer Freaks. Picnickers Killed in Arkansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—As the telegraph service is being reestablished through the storm-swept district of Kansas many strange stories are being brought in about the freaks of the wind which caused so much devastation all over the western part of the state. The list of dead and injured is increased with every new report received and it is now estimated that the list of fatalities will reach sixty within the state border, while three are reported killed at Oklahoma.

The Death Roll.

The following is the estimate placed on the dead and wounded as near as it can be ascertained at this time: South Haven, eight dead and thirty-two injured; Wellington, four dead and twenty-three injured; on farms between these two towns, five dead and nine injured; Towanda, seventeen dead and forty-five wounded; Augusta, seven dead and nineteen injured; Homestead, five dead and seven injured; Strong City, two dead and eight wounded; Salina, fifteen injured, three fatally. These towns are the only ones from which anything like a definite report has been obtained, but from meager reports received the dead at other places will make up the estimate of sixty, as stated above.

In most instances those who were killed died instantly from being struck by flying debris, and in only three or four cases were the deaths lingering. The hundreds who were injured have principally broken limbs and severe contusions. In very few cases will the injuries prove fatal, although many victims were compelled to lie all night in the soaking rain which followed the storm.

Some Strange Freaks.

Butler and Greenwood counties appear to have been the worst victims, as they were in the immediate center of the low atmospheric pressure. From these counties come the stories of the wind's fantastic work. A son of William Eggers, in Butler county, was taken from his father's arms by the force of the wind and dashed against a tree in front of the horrified parents, while the father barely felt the breeze of the wind.

William Conners and James Horton were driving in a light wagon when the storm approached them, and they whipped their horses into a run to escape. Conners jumped out and ran to the head of the team, when a tornado struck them. The wagon with Horton was blown away and he was killed. The horses and Conners were unhurt, but he says he did not feel the wind at all.

James Wilson, in Greenwood county, was caught up by the tornado, carried through the air and forced against the side of a barn, where a scuffling was seen through his body. He was pinned to the barn 8 feet from the ground and died in horrible agony.

At Haven River a cow was lifted from the ground and carried to the top of a house and deposited on the angle of the roof so that she could not fall, and it was necessary to kill her to get her from her position.

Sumner County Devastated.

WELLINGTON, Kan., April 4.—The cyclone and waterspout which passed through Sumner county Thursday night was the most destructive in the history of Kansas. The roaring of the wind was heard for miles. Starting at a point eighty miles south-east of this city, it cut a path of ruin and desolation twenty miles long and one-fourth to one-half a mile wide. Nothing was spared and everything above ground was literally torn to pieces. Trees were torn up by the roots and buildings, live stock and fences were plucked up and carried long distances. Over thirty farmhouses were blown to pieces besides innumerable barns and outbuildings.

At Dalton, 5 miles west of this city, the storm was fiercest. The house of William Little was crushed, he and his four children killed and his wife badly injured. Near by, Samuel Butterworth's house collapsed and he and four members of the family were carried 200 yards and dropped into an orchard. His hip was crushed and his leg broken. His daughter was caught in the timbers of the house but escaped with slight injuries. There were thirteen persons in Joe Showalter's house when it was struck and all were injured. Showalter had a leg broken and other injuries. Mr. Maple and his son, of Portland, were badly injured by the wrecking of their house and the father will die. About fifty persons in all were injured and as yet it is impossible to make any estimate of the damage to property.

Wiped Off the Map.

SALINA, Kan., April 4.—Reports from various parts of the country bring news of great disaster caused by the storm Tuesday night. The little village of Vine Creek was wiped out. At Smolar river house is demolished and one child reported killed. Oakville, a small village, is blown away and not a house left standing. Several were injured here but not seriously.

Great Damage at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., April 4.—Thirty of the best residences in the town were completely destroyed by Thursday night's gale. Almost every house in the north and west part of the town is more or less damaged, and almost every store in the business portion sustained some injury. The damages are \$100,000 and probably more. There was not any tornado insurance.

Picnickers Killed in Arkansas.

LETTLE ROCK, Ark., April 4.—An all-day picnic near Cove, Ark., Saturday afternoon had a very sad termination. Those in attendance were enjoying themselves in a piece of woods when a sudden windstorm of much force arose. Trees were blown in all directions, killing two of the picnickers, mortally injuring two, while several of the others were dangerously hurt.

Heavy Hail in Iowa.

ROOSE, Ia., April 4.—The heaviest rainfall in years occurred in this region Sunday night; water fell in torrents

and the whole country is flooded, the water-courses are full, and it is still raining.

Storms in the East.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 4.—A heavy storm passed over this city about 4 o'clock Sunday evening; also over Martin's Ferry and St. Clairsville, O., about the same hour. Enormous hailstones fell at Martin's Ferry. The electric lights were extinguished at St. Clairsville and the town was left in darkness. Much damage to livestock is reported. Rain fell in torrents; wash-outs on railroads are reported near here and trains are delayed.

COULDN'T GET A DRINK.

New York Saloons Shut Up and Toppers Go Thirsty to Bed.

NEW YORK, April 4.—It was very difficult Sunday to find a saloon in this city to which admittance could be gained. The few that did remain open had "lookouts" stationed outside and no one who was not very well known could get in. The most frequented places down town were closed tight and men might be seen singly and in groups going from saloon to saloon in search for a drink. It was probably the driest Sunday New York has ever seen. Most of the bars were closed, but in some of them drinks were served with crackers and cheese at tables. It is said that the closing of the saloons at 12 o'clock Saturday night and Sunday is due to the police, who notified the saloonkeepers that they must close. This is probably the outcome of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst's vigorous war against the law-breakers.

TO UNITE TWO OCEANS.

A Chicago Engineer Will Build an Inter-oceanic Road in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 4.—The government has made a contract with E. L. Corthell, a Chicago engineer, and others to complete a railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, which was begun by an English company some time ago. The government has already \$2,000,000 in hand for this work, which will be given to the contractors as a subsidy, together with the right to organize a company, issue securities, build terminals and two harbors for the largest class of vessels. The construction of this railway will open an interoceanic route that is regarded as the most important now under consideration with the exception of the Nicaraguan canal.

FOUR INCENDIARY FIRES.

Montreal Has a Bad Day—Eighteen Firemen Overcome by Smoke.

MONTREAL, Ont., April 4.—This city was beset Sunday by a number of fires, which, in four instances, were of incendiary origin. At the last fire an attempt was made to destroy the Bonsecours market. It came near being a success and before it was got under control eighteen firemen were overcome by smoke and had to be taken to the hospitals, while thirty others had to be laid off for a time. Two cases are likely to prove fatal. Loss about \$100,000.

Female Stage Robbers.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, April 4.—The detectives who went to the ranch near Salmon Falls of the six women suspected of being stage robbers, have placed the women under arrest, and report that there is no doubt of their guilt. The women, who claim to be sisters, are said to have committed many highway robberies in that section of the country. They were dressed as men while engaged in their crimes.

Call for a Cattleman's Convention.

ODEN, U. T., April 4.—The call for a cattleman's convention has been formally issued. It is signed by 123 range cattlemen in the west. The congress is to convene in this city April 29, and includes Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Ravachol Confesses.

PARIS, April 4.—Ravachol, the anarchist, has made a full confession. He says the St. Germain murder was committed by him to obtain money for spreading the propaganda. He says he is too proud of what he has done to deny that he is the author. If he had not been arrested, he says, he would not have been content with three explosions.

Tilden's Estate Appraised at \$5,300,000.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The appraiser of the estate of Samuel J. Tilden has filed his appraisal in the surrogate court. His report makes the total amount of the fortune \$5,300,000, which, after deducting bequests, expenses, etc., is \$3,208,000 to be divided among the heirs.

Death of a Once Famous Beauty.

RICHTON, Va., April 4.—Mrs. Philip Haxall, formerly Miss Mary Triplett, died Sunday morning of an attack of apoplexy of the lungs, which lasted only eighteen minutes. She was a noted society belle and beauty and was the innocent cause of the famous Mordcau-McCarthy duel, which occurred in 1873. Her husband, Capt. Haxall, belongs to the well-known flour-milling firm of that name in this city.

Big Strike at New York.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The cabinet makers and varnishers of this city have gone on a strike. They demand eight hours' work a day and the establishment of the old rate of pay. One-third of the cabinetmakers' firms have granted the request and about one-fourth of the varnishers' employers. Over 1,500 men are on strike.

Washington Booth Dead.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 4.—Washington Booth, ex-collector of the port of Baltimore, died at 3:30 o'clock a. m. after a lingering illness, caused by general breakdown. Mr. Booth has held many positions of importance in Baltimore. He was 71 years of age.

The Mississippi Legislature Adjourns.

JACKSON, Miss., April 4.—The Mississippi legislature adjourned Saturday afternoon after a three months' session. The legislature of 1892, composed largely of farmers and alliance men, will pass into history as the "shortest" ever assembled in the state.

Murdered by Her Paramour.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Mary Benlette, alias "Mrs. Mollie Hartman," was shot twice in the head and instantly killed shortly after noon Sunday at her home, No. 815 North Seventh street, by John Harstgen, a man with whom she has lived for the past nine years. Harstgen was arrested.

HE SLEW HIS CHUM

George Whalen Suspected of a Horrible Crime

TERRIBLE DEED OF BLOOD

He Kills His Warmest Friend and Huris His Body Into a Canal—Suspensions Against Him.

PORTAGE, Wis., March 4.—The body of S. N. Spaulding, a traveling man about 22 years of age, was taken from the canal at this place. There were seven cuts on the head, evidently made with a dull piece of iron, probably a coupling pin. The skull was fractured in three places.

St. Paul, Minn., April 4.—The mystery of the brutal murder of George H. Spaulding, of Portage, Wis., at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, was wholly cleared up Sunday afternoon. Young Spaulding's body was brought to St. Paul on the 2:45 train. He was about 19 years old and a son of Hugh Spaulding, one of St. Paul's leading citizens. He was murdered by George Whalen, whose home is also St. Paul. The deed was the fiendish and cowardly crime of a man whom Spaulding considered one of his warmest friends, and indignation is at such a height that if Whalen is brought back here it will take the militia to prevent his being lynched.

Beat Out His Brains.

Spaulding and Whalen were chums. Last week they planned to take a trip to Chicago together. They left here Friday. Mr. Hughes Spaulding purchased tickets for his son and young Whalen and gave the former \$25 and a fine gold watch on their departure. On the way to Chicago Whalen, on murder bent, conked Spaulding to leave the train at Portage, Wis., at 3:40 in the morning. Twenty minutes later Whalen brained Spaulding with a coupling pin, stole his money, his watch and even the shoes from his feet, threw the body into the canal and escaped.

SEVEN ROADS UNITED.

Big Street Railway Deal Made by New York's Traction Millionaires.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A big street railway deal has been brought about by Messrs. Widener, Dolan and Elkins, the traction millionaires, by which seven New York city railroads are consolidated under one management after the pattern of the Philadelphia Traction Company. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney was also prominent in the deal. The lines which are lumped together are the Avenue C, the Broadway and Seventh avenue, Chambers street, Twenty-third street, Ninth avenue, Sixth avenue, and the new Metropolitan. John D. Crimmins, the contractor, is made president of the united lines, and Daniel S. Lamont secretary. The combination covers a mileage of about 83 miles and is the largest property of the kind of any horse-car line company in the United States, having more capital and carrying more passengers. The object of the combination is said to be for the purpose of enabling the property to be better and more economically managed and preserved.

A 10-Year-Old Murderer.

LIMA, O., April 4.—Some boys were flying kites Sunday afternoon, when a boy named Saunders came up and took Frank Finley's kite from him. The boys were about 10 years old, and when Saunders started to go away with it Frank ran after him. When he had come up with Saunders the latter suddenly stopped and whipping out a knife plunged it into Finley's breast. The blade, which was six inches long, entered the boy's lung and Finley fell dead in a few seconds.

Bold Robbery in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., April 4.—Saturday night burglars entered the train agent's office at the Union depot and stole nearly \$10,000 worth of tickets. The train agent always keeps a supply of tickets good between Omaha and the coast, and these were the tickets stolen. From the manner in which the theft was committed the officials believe it was the work of an ex-employee.

Hot Day in New York.

NEW YORK, April 4.—New Yorkers are experiencing unusually warm weather for this season of the year. Sunday the thermometer reached 74, and at present it is just as warm. The nearest approach to this for the same date was in 1887, when the temperature was 71. The signal service bureau says that warm weather will continue until Wednesday.

Indicted for Murder.

WAUPACA, Wis., April 4.—Indictments have been found for the murder of Banker Mead in 1883. The indicted men are: Fred Lea, of Waupaca, member of the lower house of the legislature; Sam Stout, a Waupaca saloon-keeper; Tab Pryor, of Rhinelander, Wis.; and Ed Bronson, of Tacoma, Wash.

Reduced to Ashes.

BALTIMORE, April 4.—The body of Hon. Charles D. Drake, formerly chief justice of United States court of claims, who was found dead in his bed in Washington on Friday, was cremated in Loudon Park crematory Saturday evening. The cremation was in obedience to the terms of a will left by Judge Drake. In one hour and a half the body had been reduced to ashes.



It disappears—the worst form of catarrh, with the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Its mild, soothing, cleansing and healing properties effect a perfect and permanent cure, no matter how long the case, or of how long standing. It is a remedy that succeeds where everything else has failed. Thousands of such cases can be pointed out. That's the reason its proprietors back their faith in it with money. They offer \$200 reward for a case of catarrh which they cannot cure. It's a medicine that allows them to take such a risk. Doesn't common sense lead you to take such a chance? An advertising fake? You say. Funny, isn't it, how some people profess sickness to health when the remedy is positive and the guarantee absolute. Wasn't Sam's gut empty back of "taken" And "taking" doesn't pay. They believe in themselves. Isn't it worth a trial? Isn't any trial preferable to death?

OUR SECOND GRAND SPRING OPENING BEGINS

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4.

NEW YORK, MARCH 31, 1892.

TO THE LADIES OF GRAND RAPIDS, GREETING:

One hundred and forty-seven large dry goods boxes filled with the cream of New York and foreign markets, left this great metropolis for Grand Rapids early last week, and must ere this have reached their destination, which was Spring & Company's store. Their contents were selected from among the newest and richest accumulation of this and the old world's greatest efforts. Their advent will fill the great store at home with a glorious constellation of rare and high art novelties, lending an added charm to the beautiful things already at the disposal of our patrons. We do not believe that an ideal dry goods stock should include everything, but the best of everything. This has always been our opinion. Its pleasanter and less tiring to have taste, throw aside poorness and indifference before you get to it, leaving you nothing but the real worth and beauty to choose from. We could go on almost ad infinitum in a description of the beautiful things secured for our popular store, and especially for the opening which commences Monday morning, April 4, but will leave you free to criticize our taste and enjoy the fine art creations at your pleasure.

Attend the Reception and First View of New Spring Fabrics. The Great Exposition of Rare Silks. The Vast Display of Spring Cloaks and Wraps. The Opening of Our Dressmaking Parlors.

Our Dressmaking Department will be one of the attractive features this week, as we formally open it to the ladies Monday morning. Our dress maker, Miss Shea, who has been in New York the past month, will be in attendance. She has secured a beautiful quantity of high class novelties, dainty weaves and exquisite designs for this occasion, and the ladies may gain much valuable information regarding the latest styles and dress fads.

In Dress Goods we shall show the best value for 25c, 31 1/2c, 48c, 50c, 62 1/2c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 ever displayed in our store, composing every style in the catalogue.

New Herrinbone Cloth @ 25c
New Camels' Hair, all wool, @ 37 1/2c
All Wool Mixed Suitings @ 48c
Diagonal and Striped Suitings @ 50c.

One of the best assortments of pretty suitings (by the yard) in the new tints and mixtures, from 75c to \$1.50 ever shown on our counters will be among the opening attractions.

Notice the west window for styles in New Pattern Suits, Cretons and Silk Warp Goods—35 different shades.

As a special drive we shall sell this week: 1,600 pairs Children's Fast Black, Ribbed Hose, unbleached foot, double knee, sizes 6 1/2 to 9 1/2, at 22c, regular value 35 to 50c.

2,500 pairs Ladies' fine fast black Hose, regular value 37 1/2c., at 22c.

At the Creditors Sale Counters.

The Vossen stock still draws like a house afire, and would continue so forever if the goods would but hold out.

This week, to close out 2,500 yards of Plain Suitings will be sold at 15c per yard.

- 3,500 Yards mixed Suitings at 24c.
75 Dress Patterns from \$1.50 to \$5.88.
3,000 Yards unbleached 36 inch wide Cotton at 4c.
1,225 Yards unbleached 36 inch wide Cotton at 5c.
3,500 Yards bleached Cotton at 5c.
6,700 Yards bleached Cotton at 5 1/2c.
5,000 Yards Figured Serges, 36 inch, at 10c.
1,000 Yards Figured Alsatian Cords at 15c.
100 Dozen Ladies' Vests, low neck and sleeveless, tape neck, at 12 1/2c.
47 Dozen Childs' Dark Gray mixed Cotton Hose, sell regular at 25 and 35c., we close them at 14c.
54 in. all wool Sackings to close at 35 and 50c.

This will be a memorable week, both for us and the ladies of Grand Rapids. Accept this one chance to see the wealth of the nations in a grand unbroken grouping at the store of

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