

\$1.00 PER YEAR.

TAZEWELL, VA., FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1901.

ESTABLISHED 1845

Benbow.
W. T. Buchanan's new residence will soon be finished and will be a very beautiful house.

Mr. A. B. Buchanan is having some repairing done on his dwelling house. We have been told that Mr. S. B. Thompson is going to reside with Mr. A. B. Buchanan again for a while at least.

News is scarce this week with the exception of the damage done by the water Saturday and Sunday.

The most fearful rain that has been known to fall in our country fell Saturday morning. The rain began to fall about 3 o'clock in the morning and continued until a little after five, when it slacked for a short time, then it began again, and we never have seen such a rain fall as fell from that time until about 10 o'clock. By that time the water was higher than it had ever been seen in this country, and it continued to rain until about 12 o'clock. Great damage was done from one end of this Valley to the other, although the damage done in the East end of Valley was nothing to compare to that of West end. The greatest damage done was to mountain land and fences. J. E. Buchanan and C. A. Leece suffered great loss by land slides, although it is said that fences, rock fences and out building were swept away in great number in the Western part of the Valley. Many corn fields, meadows are covered with logs rails and rocks, washed down from the mountains. In many cases people were forced to leave their homes, and seek refuge on higher land. It is said that it will take 52 men two weeks to put Plumcreek in condition for wagons to pass.

The Thompson Valley mail cannot get to Tazewell for several days unless taken across the mountain on foot.

Mr. D. W. Lynch suffered a great deal of anxiety about his wife, who had been visiting friends, and relatives in Wytheville, and Pulaski for several days, and who was to return Saturday, but she got in safe on Monday morning.

NEWS FROM BRAMWELL.

The Flood—Other News, Great Rains.

The people on the little peninsula at Bramwell, had began thinking about higher land, and some had been compelled to move already, when the water began to recede. The heaviest rain ever known, say the older citizens of this section. The rain began about 1 o'clock Saturday morning with a thunder-storm, and continued to fall in great torrents, until about 6 o'clock Sat. A. M. after that, the raining was more moderate. The greatest destruction of bridges ever known to Bluestone people, rendering transportation with Railroad Co. impossible and creating almost a panic among the miners. Coal digging will be thing of the past, at all the works below Cooper, on the waters of Bluestone. Quite a number of miners have already turned out to work on the Railroad to help build bridges, so they can hasten the time when they can get work in the mines.

All the tressels below Cooper are badly wrecked, and the ones at Bramwell, and Simmons completely destroyed, both both trains 15 to 10, feet of track, on either side.

Mr. W. A. Simpson, contractor and builder, was also damaged considerable, losing several thousand shingles stored in and about his workshop. The kind hand of Providence seemed to shield the corporation bridges which would have been a great loss, and expense to the town, had they been destroyed.

We hear that there is serious damages done on the Elkhorn Division and several bar-rooms washed away to Key-stone, but this report has not altogether been confirmed.

Quite a number of Bramwell people were on Elkhorn, and were compelled to walk home.

Your Hot Day Needs

Have been carefully attended to at this store—a plentiful supply of summer garments await your careful inspection.

The Linen Skirt, Childrens Dress, Boys Summer Suits, and Pants, Boys Waists, Mens and Womens Neckwear, Childrens Summer Caps and Duck Hats, Shirt Waists, Mens and Boys Colored Shirts. Each of these departments is full of good and reasonable garments.

Two Bargains—Ladies white pique tailor-made suits that were \$4.00, now \$1.98 the suit. These suits were soiled by the recent rains but will look nice as new when washed.

Ten pieces of embroidered edging that were 12c, 15c and 18c the yard, now 7c the yard.

Fifteen pieces of embroidered muslin inserting the 10c and 12c kind, now 7c the yard.

R. C. CHAPMAN

Do Not Miss Our Bargain Sale of SLIPPERS

Now on. Have just added a lot of this season's make to complete sizes, which makes this sale of interest to all persons in need of slippers. Certainly no such prices have ever been given of goods of equal value.

Come before sizes get broken again.

J. D. Alexander.

Tazewell, Va.

JULY 4TH, 1901.

For the amusement of all who wish to celebrate the 4th with fire works come to this store:

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| Electrical Wheels, 10c | Revolving Triangles, 5c |
| Sky Rockets, 1 to 15c | Giant Bombs, 1 to 20c |
| Whistling Bombs, 5c | Vesuvius Bombs, 10c |
| Flying Bombs, 10c | Balloons, 10 to 50c |
| Flags 1 to 15c | |

BOYER & HARMAN

Mr. Frank Hewett, son of Col. J. D. Hewett, returned home Saturday night from West Virginia State University, he had to walk from Vivian.

Miss. Elsie Brown, on her way to Bramwell from Saginaw Mich. was water-bound at Columbus Ohio.

Farmers in other sections will have a good market for their vegetables as it will be impossible for merchants here to expect anything.

Some say more rain more rest but it looks different down here.

Damage Done at Horsepen

Horsepen, June 24.—The rain in the Cove last Saturday morning washed out everything on low lands and landslides on hill sides. It destroyed H. L. Myers garden completely. It swept away the paling and burst through his porch and kept the boys busy pulling down the fence to save his milch cows. It washed three of them some distance before they got out. It destroyed D. B.

Daniels corn crop entirely and washed away every bit of his fence on the branches. The water was higher than ever known before. Bob Allen, from Thompsons Valley and George Lewis from town lost their wagons loaded with lumber in the flood. It washed away uncle Wilk Shraders fine mill property. J. T. Millers saw mill was damaged considerable. Bob Saddle had to take up his bed and go to the hill. His house fill up 2 or 3 feet with sand and mud. Every body in the Cove lost heavily. The roads are ruined. Everybody had to go to fencing this morning.

Views of the Flood

Dr. Jackson has a number of very fine views of the wreckage produced by the flood, in and around Cedar Bluff, which he made himself on the ground. They present vividly the awful destruction wrought. It will interest you to see these views.

AN AWFUL STORM

Tazewell Deluged--Lives Lost--Property Destroyed.

RAIN POURS FOR EIGHT HOURS

Merchants Ruined—Stores Swept Away—Railroads Washed Away.

WHOLE FAMILIES LOST—MANY DROWNED

The Story Graphically Told by Our Correspondents and Others From the Flooded Districts

The most disastrous flood ever known in the history of Southwest Virginia, if not of the State, occurred in this section last Saturday morning.

The rain began about 12:30 Saturday morning, and continued to fall in torrents until about 8 o'clock.

There was no wind, but a steady downpour of rain. The creeks, branches and the river rose rapidly, until they became raging torrents sweeping every thing before them. By 10 o'clock Saturday reports began to come in from different sections, but it was not until Sunday and Monday that the people of the town and community began to fully realize damage had been done by the flood.

After it is all over now the results are not definitely known, and probably never will be. Certainly true it is that the reports of damage done in this section have not been over estimated. One conservative man who has traveled over portions of the county estimates the damage to roads, farms and farm houses at a half million dollars. The most serious damage is in the

WEST END OF THE COUNTY.

At Liberty Hill great damage was done. The store house and goods of J. D. Harrison was injured, and his dwelling house almost washed away. His goods were injured by water which stood deep all over his store house. The store porch was washed away and his dwelling house undermined. Reese Gillespie, near by, lost a blacksmith shop, in which were several pieces of valuable farming machinery. The family of Mr. Bowling were rescued by means of ropes. Dr. Painter lost a crib and a large quantity of corn and all along down the creek barns, fences and houses were moved or washed away entirely. Jno. G. Bundy says that it will take \$500.00 to remove the rocks, trees and debris which slid down from the mountain on his land, to say nothing of the damage done his crops. The roads in the vicinity of Liberty Hill are almost impassible for horses. The mail carrier, coming over the road Tuesday, was compelled to get down several times and lead his horse.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

The saddest casualty of the flood occurred on the Higginbotham farm a few miles West of town. Paris Vandyke, with his wife and six children, lived in a two story house on the farm. Without warning the water, which had accumulated in the hollow above his house, burst away, and a wall of water, logs, rocks &c., came down upon his house, carrying everything away. Two of his children were drowned, and other members of the family so seriously injured that it is feared that some of them will die. Mrs. Vandyke, whose health was delicate, was buffeted about by the water and seriously bruised and injured. The body of one of the drowned children was carried at least a mile away. At

FOUNDING MILL AND CEDAR BLUFF

The damage was serious. At the former place, on the Branch, some distance from the town, a mother and two children were swept away. Their names were Hoops. The father was not at home at the time. At Cedar Bluff a number of residences were washed away. The store of James McGuire was swept away, as reported.

The new store of Mr. J. T. Hopkins, just finished and filled with goods, was swept away with entire contents. Mr. Hopkins barely escaping with his life. He was in the building when it started, and crawled out through an upper window and clung to a tree for several hours until rescued. His loss is very heavy.

In all that section, and in Horsepen Cove there was great damage done to crops fences and lumber. J. T. Miller's loss is approximate \$1000.00. Geo. Lewis, of our town, had two wagons loaded with lumber at the residence of D. B. Daniels. The wagons, lumber and all was swept away.

RAILROAD DAMAGED.

The railroad was torn to pieces between Cedar Bluff and Tazewell, in a number of places. The "Horse Shoe Bend," this side of Cedar Bluff, was pushed out into the river by the earth and water from the hill side above. In the East end of the county and Thompson Valley there was not much damage, except to the roads and fences. In all parts of the county crops are damaged—in many places completely destroyed.

A revised and correct list of the dead in the county is as follows:

- JOHN VAN DYKE,
- EDWARD VAN DYKE,
- MRS. JOHN HOOPS,
- TWO CHILDREN of Mrs. Hoops,
- JOHN TATE,
- PAT BLANKENSHIP,
- THOMAS BEAVERS,
- BOOTE,
- PARIS CRAIG, colored, at Welch.

Cedar Bluff Heaviest Loser. Cedar Bluff, Va., June 22, 1901.

DEAR NEWS:

The flood that swept down Clinch River and Indian Creek and over our town on last Saturday, the 22nd, has left a sad scene of desolation in its track. Our once beautiful little town is now in a sad plight. Many of the dwelling houses with all their contents having been swept away and those that were left were deluged with water and mud, and all furniture &c., on the first floors ruined. The loss to our town is variously estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

Some of the losses are as follows: Jas. S. Gillespie, dwelling house and contents. Nothing saved. A. J. Cruey, dwelling house and wagon-makers shop, with tools, household goods and all swept down the current. Jo. Binley and Alex Hall, blacksmith shops and tools. The barns and cribs of Jas. Jones, T. W. and Rimmens Wingo, A. M. Stinson and J. H. Gillespie with quantities of provender, hay, corn &c. as well as farming implements and lumber. Three dwelling houses belonging to R. F. Cecil, and unoccupied, as

the loss of coal house amount of lumber. lost heavily in the lower part of the town. A large amount of goods in store of his store room and house, the water flooding the store room to a height above the counters. In fact all the houses on the North side of the creek were flooded and much damage done to furniture, bedding &c. gardens and

cultivated lots literally ruined. Fences all gone and not a bridge left on Clinch or Indian near here. County roads badly damaged as well as the Clinch Valley Division of the N. & W. Ry. The water here was far the highest ever known. Our people left their homes and sought safety for their families and stock on high ground where they remained until the water subsided.

Fortunately for us the flood came in daylight, otherwise many lives would have been lost.

Many of the houses and much debris are lodged against the iron bridge one mile below town and our citizens are busy gathering what valuables they can recover from the broken houses and piles of lumber and driftwood, and restoring it to the proper owners—a guard having meantime been stationed there to protect it.

Pounding Mill.

The hardest rain ever known at this place by the oldest citizens was on last Friday night beginning at 12 o'clock continuing until about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The water simply poured and ground seemed to be almost covered with water at the time during the downpour. Bud Hall at this place, moved his household plunder, but the house didn't go, altho the water got up into the house several feet. Peoples gardens and truck patches along the river were either ruined or hurt considerably. But Pounding Mill Branch, which empties into Clinch a short distance from the station here was up terribly. Four persons a mile about here on Branch lost their lives. The dead are Mrs. Belle Hoops age about 32 wife of John Hoops, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McGuire, who lived near the head of Pounding Mill Branch, her baby, age 1 year, her step daughter, Annie Hoops age 15, and John Tate, who was 21 years, were drowned about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. There was a large drift above Hoops house, which had been put there by recent high water. Hoops and others had rolled a great many logs in the hollow, and they have washed down, John Tate and his father Tom Tate neighbors above saw that the drift was about to break loose which held a great quantity of water, ran and told Hoops to leave his house, but he thought when the water ran over a certain log in the drift he would, but the drift broke at either end before he knew it. His wife wrung her hands and cried to her husband to leave, that they all would be drowned, in about five minutes they started and had forgotten next to the least child. The father returned for the child, the water stopped a moment and then stepped off into eternity. The water had washed a hole several feet deep. She went down with her baby clasped in her arms, Annie met the same fate, John Tate caught each of them, and thus lost his life in trying save theirs. By this time the drift has broken, a large log struck him and tore his hold from a tree. John and Annie's bodies were recovered soon about a half mile below and buried on Monday at the same time, at 1 o'clock near Floyd McGuires. Mrs. Hoops body was found by Messrs Sid Daugherty and Sam Quisenberry near Horse Shoe bend, on yesterday (Tuesday) at 11 o'clock and taken to Mr. James Osborne and was buried this morning near her father's, the home of her childhood. Rev. Annie Belle Osborne of the Methodist church preached the funeral to a large number of

tives and friends.

Mrs. Hoops, when she was last seen, was almost destitute of clothing except what she had on her back. Her beautiful hair, which was three feet in length, had to be cut off before her body could be extricated, it being also buried in the sand and would about brush and other rubbish, and that fully 40 lbs of mud and sand was lifted up, sticking to her hair. The father mother and husband, as almost crazy with grief. Her father was away and never knew of her death till on Monday. She left 4 children two by

her first and two by her last husband. The unexpected deaths have cast a gloom over the entire village and neighborhood. The baby's body has not yet been recovered. There were four other children and Mr. Hoops rescued by putting plank across on which they walked over the deep water. It is said that a place in front of the house 20 feet deep, was washed out. The dwelling did not wash away, but a large framed smoke house in which they had taken refuge washed away in a minute or so after they had gotten out.

The road from here to above Mr. Tates was washed almost impassible to pedestrians until yesterday afternoon. It is uncertain when the road will be in condition for wagons or vehicles.

Bluestone. Bluestone, Va., June 24.—We are not all drowned yet on Bluestone, but our corn, oats and wheat is damaged considerably, in some cases near one half. The oldest farmers say they never saw such a flood of rain as fell last Saturday, and still it comes.

A. A. Carter and others lost their spring houses in the flood, and small spring branches got past fording, tore out plank fences and every where it looked as if we were going to have a second Noah's flood.

J. H. Summers has been on the sick list for several days.

W. C. Harman and his son, Gratton, are both reported sick, but are better at present.

There was no services at our church Sunday on account of the high waters.

Jas. Carter, son of S. N. Carter, has been very low with the typhoid fever, but is improving slowly. He had to be moved to higher ground last Saturday, as the water was near a foot deep in the house where he lived.

We learn that D. H. Bird has purchased an orange grove in Florida. He has engaged his next years' crop to the Graham merchants cheaper than they can buy elsewhere.

Mrs. Lou Strader, of Giles county, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Bane, and other relatives on Bluestone for a few weeks past.

W. H. and C. S. Bane have bought a mower and rake and wanted a machine to pick the briars out of their oats, but R. I. Hoke said they did not have them in stock at present.

W. L. Pardus has rented or bought a saw mill and is looking for it any day. He says he is going to build a fine house.

Bailey.

Bailey, Va., June 24.—We had the most destructive flood here Saturday morning that has ever been here for twenty years and perhaps fifty or more. This creek was one foot higher than it was at the time of the highest water. In May and only four miles of valley to gather the water was up very little at daylight, but the rain fell so fast that by nine o'clock the water was at the highest, and some of the families ate their breakfast by lamp light, between six and seven o'clock it was so dark. Your reporter has been here twenty years and never saw anything like it in that time, and people who have been here three times twenty years say they never saw any thing like it. It would be useless to try to estimate the damage, but it would be safe to say that at least two hundred panels of fence was washed out in the first mile of the siding besides the lost corn &c.

Rev. Z. D. H. G. Wagner

Brook and Mrs. E. left Tuesday morning to District Conference at Grundy. Their friends are anxious about them.

R. H. Ireson, of North Tazewell, came to our place Friday evening on the train, and left here Saturday morning on a "tie ticket." Bob said he feared the last ticket would be the most costly of the two by the time the trip was over. J. M. Kitts, of Tidzwell, was also seen passing our place Sunday, traveling on the same kind of a ticket. No doubt Jim and Bob think high water troublesome as we all do.

A surgical operation is not necessary on the piles, De Witt Hazel Salve saves all that expense and never fails. Beware of counterfeit. J. E. Jackson.