man was seen to be swept from his feet at the Virginia Hotel corner and then seen no more. Another went down in a livery stable trying to get his horse out, and he has not since been heard of. B. F. Stockdon says his loss will reach $10,000; Miller Brothers' will be $16,000; Ed Burke, liveryman, several thousand; Sublets, coal and lumber merchants, $3,000; Staunton Milling Company, $6,000 to $8,000; B. F. Hughes, $1,000. There are very few merchants who do not sustain losses. A conservative man put the loss to-day at $150,000. This will include the loss to the city and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, both of which will lose heavily.

A LAMP TOWN.

Staunton is a lamp town to-night, all places where gas and electricity were used have brought out the lamps and tallow-dip. The fair-grounds is a wreck, not a drop of water being left in the once beautiful lake. When the bank broke and the track was washed away the entire body of water poured through the town. The same thing happened on the other arm of the creek, where a dam at Brew's Farm collected a large body of water. The dam gave way and poured the entire mass into the town, and the two meeting, played sad havoc.

It is impossible to tell how many lives have been lost, but it is feared there are very many.

FROM THE COUNTRY.

News from the country shows the same condition of things. Wherever there is a stream, the raging waters have rushed down the hillsides and swept everything in sight. The destruction seems to be general. We have no trains or mails from the North to-day. The City Council had a meeting this afternoon and ordered the Street Committee to push repairs to streets and bridges. The Council appropriated $300 to repair the fair-grounds and track, and directed the Committee on Relief of the Poor to give general relief to all sufferers, and directed all accounts to be paid by the City Treasurer.

WRECK AT CHASE CITY.

A Night of Terror—Great Destruction—A Phenomenon.

CHASE CITY, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Last night, about 8:30 o'clock, the most furious and destructive storm ever known in this section passed through this town. The wind was from the south and west, and terrific in force and velocity. It was preceded by a heavy downpour of rain, which diminished as the wind-storm increased in severity. Heavy clouds and intense darkness prevailed. There was no lightning or thunder. Around the horizon in the south was seen a long stretch of hazy brightness, which moved in an easterly direction. The appearance was like the reflected brilliancy in the sky of an immense fire. The phenomenon finally disappeared in the north about 10 o'clock.

A conservative estimate is that the damage and losses will exceed $3,000.

The tin on roof of the railroad building was blown off and carried some distance away. Loss, $100.

PRIZERY WRECKED.

The large three-story tobacco prizery of Gregory & Emory was completely wrecked. Loss, over $1,000. In this building were 80 hogsheads of prized tobacco, belonging to N. P. Lee. This was only slightly damaged—not over $25.

Barnett's prizery was struck by flying timbers, and damaged about $50.

The large Planters' Warehouse, owned by a stock company, was thoroughly demolished. This was built a few years ago at a cost of $2,500.

The immense barn and stables, under one roof, of John E. Boyd was swept from its foundation. In it were seven horses and mules, three cows, wagons, and about 50 tons of forage. All the animals were killed or injured, except one mule, and the vehicles were broken up. The loss will approximate $1,000.

In the Mineral Hotel lawn large trees were uprooted, and the handsome pavilion crushed by one of them.

WALKS RIPPED UP.

The damage to windows, shade trees, and smaller buildings was considerable. Plank walks were taken up solidly and blown across the street. Some people left their houses, wrapped blankets around them, and took refuge in the yard, holding to the plank fence. Messrs. B. T. Ballard and W. H. Saunders were caught out when the storm was at its height, and say they were so pelted by small stones that they had to lie down and hold fast to something to keep from serious injury or being blown away.

Information from the surrounding counties is that great injury was done to buildings and fences. Some persons engaged in flue-curing tobacco had their barns burned down.

THE STORM'S TRACK.

The track of the storm in its greatest severity was about four miles wide. Public roads are filled with trees blown across them, and the road from here to the county-court-house at Boydton is to-day impassable for vehicles.

There were no cyclone policies of insurance on any of the buildings blown down. No injury to human life anywhere reported. The electrical light in the South and East was seen by all, badly frightened many, and some believed it an omen of a terrible disaster.

VIOLENT AROUND OFFLEY.

A Very Long List of Sufferers—Great Loss.

OFFLEY, VA., September 30.—(Special.) This part of Hanover was visited last night between 9 and 11 o'clock by a wind-storm, which in violence and in extent exceeded any similar experience within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The wind was terrific, and solid, substantial, old brick houses that have withstood many a gale shook to their foundations. So far as can be learned, however, no dwellings were blown down or persons hurt, but sad havoc was played with barns and out-buildings, feed-stacks, fencing, trees (both shade and forest), etc., and in repairs and from various causes the loss to this part of Hanover will eventually run up into thousands of dollars. The roads are all blocked to-day with fallen trees, and travel is much impeded.

Among some of those who suffered damage are Messrs. C. H. Oliver, a barn and a tobacco-house blown down; W. H. Campbell, roof blown off of dwelling; C. Anthony, tobacco-house, blown down; T. H. Hendricks, roof of barn blown off; E. T. Pollard, corn-crib blown down, and other out-buildings damaged; Elisha Jackson, tobacco-house blown down; Edmund Martin, two tobacco-houses blown down and other damage; Mr. E. T. Perkins, barn, tobacco-house, etc., blown down.

In Caroline county (adjacent), Mr. Henry McKay lost two barns; Mr. Preston Smith, barn and out-buildings; Mr. Edmund Redd, the roof to his dwelling, while many smaller losses in the way of fruit-trees, fencing, etc., are reported in every direction.

Mr. W. P. Coates and family, living at "Lilly Swamp," a farm owned by Mr. George P. Haw, had a narrow escape from death through the falling of an enormous tree against the house.

At "Edgewood," the residence of Mrs. M. E. Noland, a chimney was blown from the house, and two magnificent shade-trees (oaks), over 150 years old, were snapped like weeds.

On the whole, it was a lively experience, but all are thankful it was no worse.

BON AIR AND VICINITY.

B. F. Johnson and Others Suffer Severely.

BON AIR, VA., September 30.—(Special.) The severest wind-storm that has occurred here in many years visited Bon Air last night. The wind seemed to come in whirls, or circles. A great many trees—shade as well as forest—are down, and fences are lying flat on every hand. The windmill of Mr. A. L. Adamson was blown down, and some outhouses in the neighborhood were destroyed; but probably the greatest amount of damage was on Mr. B. F. Johnson's estate, "Kilbourne," near here. It being situated on a bluff, the wind had great play, and many of his yard trees were blown down. One of them fell on his carriage-house, utterly demolishing it, and breaking up the vehicles therein. Another fell on the kitchen, rendering it untenantable. Fortunately for the occupant of the latter, she had not retired, and escaped.

At Mr. W. W. Pace's the roofs were blown from all the outhouses on the place, and many trees are lying on the ground.

Captain Hugh Longest also suffered severely. His large barn was destroyed, and many of his trees were blown down, one of which fell against his dwelling. He is very sick this morning, having been taken yesterday before the storm came up.

FREDERICKSBURG'S STORY.

Residences and Manufacturing Plants Damaged.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Unroofed dwellings and out-houses, trees uprooted, chimneys blown down, manufacturing establishments wrecked, train service demoralized, stock reported killed, telegraph, electric-light, and telephone wires down in many places north and south of this city, tell but feebly of last night's storm, that struck Fredericksburg at 8:30 o'clock, and raged with unparalleled fury until near 11. Few of our people had gone to bed when the storm struck the town. Those who had retired quickly arose, but no one ventured into the ill-lighted and almost impassable streets.

No part of the city escaped. The oldest and most substantial buildings seem to have suffered the heaviest, while those built lately and of a cheap material were not so much damaged. The aggregate loss will be quite heavy, but the individual loss will not amount to enough to make it serious to those living in town.

Tyler's foundry and machine works, and Knox's extract works suffered more than other establishments of a like character. The sun had hardly risen this morning when men at these works were busy clearing away the debris of last night's wreck.

Many of the more ancient dwelling-houses and stores in the town are slate-roofed, and several such have been much damaged by falling chimneys.

THE CHURCHES.

It was thought at an early hour this morning that the steeple of St. George's Episcopal church was seriously damaged, but a later examination made it plain that the injury to the steeple was trivial, though the rear wall of the vestry was blown out. The other churches were not damaged.

Railroad travel was impeded greatly. The train from the south which should have gotten here at 5 A. M. did not arrive until near 9 o'clock. It brought the first edition of the Dispatch, and the only information up to that hour from the outside world and the storm in Richmond. The train from Washington, which should have gone through at 6:40 A. M., did not pass here until 11. This train brought news of the storm's ravages north of us, and passengers told of the almost entire destruction of the village of Quantico. They also told of the damage between that place and Washington, and all were agreed that nothing like the storm had ever before been seen in this section.

The telegraph and telephone companies got their gangs started north and south at an early hour, but no one can tell when communication will be re-established, as parties who have come over the lines eight or ten miles on either side of the town say the wires are badly wrecked.

DISTRESSING NEWS.

The news from the surrounding country, north and south, is of a most distressing character, and it is certain great damage has been done. A note just received from Oliver Eastburn, Esq., one of the foremost farmers of Spotsylvania county, says his loss will reach $1,000.

The streets here were totally impassable at an early hour this morning, but willing hands with sharp axes soon blazed a way through the blocked highways, and the town turned out on its mission of sympathy, and a comparison of notes as to who were the greatest sufferers.

The Rappahannock and its tributaries are rising very fast, and high water is looked for, which coming at this particular time, would do great damage to the corn standing in shocks on the river's low ground.

BOYDTON SUFFERS.

Cattle Killed—Damage to the Atlantic and Danville.

BOYDTON, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—A tornado struck this town and vicinity with terrific force at an early hour last night, sweeping everything before it. The oldest inhabitants here say they never before experienced such a storm of wind and rain. It raged for two hours as furiously as a western cyclone. Houses were wrecked and blown down, fences were swept away, and trees were uprooted. Stables and barns were demolished, and many horses and cattle were killed or injured. Travel on the public highways leading to town is obstructed, and the telegraph wires on the Atlantic and Danville railway are down. So far as can be ascertained, the damage done to this railway company is great. Passengers arriving here on the east-bound train after the storm subsided report great devastation all along the road from Denniston Junction. The train was run into several trees blown across the track, the windows were smashed, and several passengers—Mr. E. C. Goode and wife, Rev. J. D. Forkner, wife, and infant daughter, and Hon. R. T. Thorp, stopping here—were more or less painfully injured by cuts and bruises inflicted by the broken glass.

SCARE AT GREEN BAY.

Took to the Ice-House—Curious Lights.

GREEN BAY, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—This section was last night visited by the severest wind- and hail-storm that the oldest inhabitants claim was ever before witnessed. The storm commenced about 8 o'clock, and lasted over two hours. People who occupied upper stories left them and rushed to the lower rooms. When the gale was at its height, Rev. F. W. Berry, of this place, with his family, sought refuge in his ice-house, remaining there until the storm was well spent. Mr. Berry states that from all indications he fully expected a cyclone; that at one time he saw four different and distinct lights, and at the same time saw a very dark cloud gathering, therefore he concluded he would run no risk, and fled to the ice-house. Several persons saw the lights and thought houses were burning.

The colored people were badly frightened. One old man thought that judgment-day had come, and said the thunder had got below the clouds. Others locked themselves up and remained awake all night.

A great deal of damage has been reported. Many trees were blown down and several small houses unroofed.

RUSHED OVER CAROLINE.

The Same Story of Widespread Damage.

BOWLING GREEN, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The great storm that passed over Virginia last night was the most severe that has ever visited this section. The wind was accompanied by a slight rain. It began to rise about 8 o'clock, and by 10:30 was at its height. Persons indoors knew that a terrific storm was raging outside, evidenced by the cracking of limbs and crashing of falling trees, but little did they expect to witness such a scene as was presented to their eyes this morning, when they beheld the destruction and havoc wrought by the fury of the storm. The chief attraction of our pretty little town has been its lovely shaded yards and streets, and particularly the Court Square, presented a scene of wreck and ruin. Large trees were uprooted and twisted apart, and limbs sent flying in every direction. The roof of the large building, known as the "Warehouse," owned by Mr. J. E. Eanis, was blown off. Considerable damage was done to the residence of Judge E. C. Moncure by a falling tree. Several small frame houses in course of erection on the outskirts of the town, as well as some out-houses in town, were blown over. The Baptist and Methodist churches sustained slight damages, and several chimneys were blown down.

In the county a great deal of damage is reported. Barns, tobacco-houses, stables, and other buildings, are reported blown down in various sections. Besides this damage, fodder-stacks were upset, and the fodder scattered about promiscuously. The county roads are almost impassable this morning on account of fallen trees. A great deal of damage was done the orchards also, and apple trees were stripped almost entirely of their fruit. Fortunately, no fatalities have been reported yet.

FATAL AT ALEXANDRIA.

Two Persons Killed—Crash and Wreck Everywhere.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—A regular cyclone passed over this city about 11 o'clock last night. The wind blew at a rate of seventy miles an hour, and the rain descended in torrents. Telegraph, telephone, and trolley wires came in contact with one another, and produced long streaks of blue lights the entire length of King street. Fortunately, no fire was started by the sparks.

The amount of damage done by the storm will amount to $200,000.

During the height of the storm two people were killed, and several injured. W. D. Stuart, who had been past master of Alexandria Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, several terms, was sitting in his bedchamber reading, when suddenly a terrible rush of wind threw the old-time chimney, and it fell on the roof, under which he was sitting, burying him in the debris. He was finally rescued, but breathed his last before the family could get him out of the building.

A LADY KILLED.

The other fatal accident was that to Mrs. Holt, of South Carolina, who had just arrived in this city, and was visiting her son, Mr. R. C. Holt, who holds a positon in the Navy Department at Washington. Just as the storm was beginning to rage she retired for the night. Her son went to her room, and asked her if she wouldn't come down stairs, where the rest of the family were. She said that she was not afraid, and before he had gotten to the first floor the south wall fell in and completely buried her out of sight. She was dead when Dr. Hugh McGuire arrived at her bedside.

Several reports from the county state that one or two negroes were killed, but nothing definite can be learned.

BUILDINGS RAZED.

Trees were unrooted and carried a long distance; buildings were smashed and razed to the ground like blades of grass. At New Alexandria the loss will be $50,000. The spoke factory, chair factory, and warehouse were destroyed by the cyclone.

On Fairfax street Mr. John Heisley had just succeeded in getting from the third-story bedchamber when the large slate roof came in, completely burying everything in the room. Four children barely escaped instant death.

STEAMER SUNK.

At the wharves the steamer Cecil was sunk, and one of her owners, Mr. Towsen, just escaped from being drowned by jumping ashore. The schooner Daniel Larkin is a complete wreck, and is now lying at the bottom of the river. The south wall of the Pioneer Mills, which fronts the river, is damaged to the extent of $5,000. Captain Herbert Bryant's fertilizing factory was unroofed, and considerably damaged. The Southern railway's loss will go up in the thousands, as a great many of their sheds and a portion of their round-house were brought to the ground.

TERRIBLE AT CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Damage at University, Crozet, and Gordonsville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—A terrible storm of rain and wind swept over this section late last night. At the University a large number of trees were uprooted. On Carr's Hill a large oak was blown down upon Dr. Lambeth's house, crushing in the roof at one point. At the McCormick Observatory the roof of the drawing-room was blown off. The University buildings, now being constructed, escaped damage. Wires and poles north, south, and east of this city were so badly prostrated and broken that for a time this city was cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world.

The train from Richmond, which usually arrives here about 3:27 in the morning, but which reached this city at 11 to-day, was delayed by the necessity of removing telegraph poles and other debris from the railway track.

At Gordonsville the storm was severe; more than one house was unroofed.

At Dr. Lafferty's extensive flour mill at Crozet, the bridge across the stream was washed entirely away.

ALARMING AT COBHAM.

Trees Uprooted—Small Houses Blown Away—Heavy Rain.

COBHAM, VA., September 30.—(Special.) A terrific wind-storm—a regular gale—struck this section last night about 10 o'clock. Trees are uprooted all over the country, and fences and small houses blown down. Telephone wires are down, and all communication is cut off. The rain, which had been falling steadily all day, poured in torrents, and was accompanied with hail. Never before in our recollection has such a storm visited these parts. Among other damage is the uprooting of large and beautiful shade trees in private grounds. The public highways are blocked with prostrate trees.

The temperature dropped 20 degrees in a few hours. The storm was very alarming, and lasted nearly half an hour.

DISASTROUS AT WAYNESBORO'.

Buildings Wrecked by Flood—One Person Drowned.

WAYNESBORO', VA., September 30.—(Special.)—A fearful storm swept over this section last night. It only lasted about an hour—from 9:30 to 10:30—but the waters were about as high as in the freshet of 1879.

A small branch that runs through town, and which is usually only six inches deep, rose 15 feet in a few minutes.

The Masonic Lodge block, a two-story frame structure, 80x110 feet, near the branch, was moved 40 feet into the street. Maslin, Wayland & Coyner's large store-building, just opposite, was moved 30 feet, and wrecked. Small buildings were washed entirely away, and one person was drowned. The damage throughout this section is very great.

PETERSBURG'S EXPERIENCE.

First Baptist Church Badly Damaged—Other Losses.

PETERSBURG, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Last night's storm was the severest known here in many years, and a great deal of damage was done. Many houses were unroofed, fine trees ruined, and chimneys blown down. The First Baptist church, on Washington street, was badly damaged. One of the heavy iron pinacles on the side of the steeple was toppled over by the wind, and falling upon the steeple-roof, crashed through, carrying heavy timbers along with it. The mass went through the floors of two rooms in the body of the steeple, one of them the pastor's study, and then crushed through the main steps leading to the auditorium of the church. Persons standing at the base of the steeple can look up through a great hole to the sky. The pastor, Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, had a large and valuable library in his study. These books were scattered by the falling debris, and many of them badly damaged.

GRACE CHURCH DAMAGED.

Some of the cupolas on the steeple of Grace Episcopal church were blown down, and some of the stained-glass windows at the Market-Street Methodist Episcopal church were broken.

The Ettrick Cotton Factory, the Mount Airy railroad shops, the Imperial Hotel, and the Academy of Music were partially unroofed. Numerous small buildings about town were more or less damaged.

At the residence of Mr. Frank Rainey, on Harding street, the chimney was blown through the weather-boarding and the bricks scattered upon the floor of Mr. Rainey's chamber.

The telephone and telegraph wires were greatly disarranged and many poles blown to the ground.

BURKEVILLE GETS A TOUCH.

A Sumac Factory Blown Down—Institute Damaged.

BURKEVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Our town was visited last night by a dreadful wind-storm. Prior to the wind-storm rain fell in torrents, but it soon subsided, and the wind began its work of overturning out-houses, trees, and other property. The large sumac factory, formerly occupied by Campbell & Co., was blown down, and the large institute yard is a scene of wreckage. An oak tree fell upon the steps and porch of the institute middle building. It broke through the former and injured the latter considerably. Another fell upon the top of the west office, and crushed it in. Many trains were compelled to take sidings here on account of the telegraph wires being down. Many of the yards are covered with leaves, limbs, and trees. No lives were lost. The damage is estimated at from $400 to $500.

AROUND COLUMBIA.

The Severest Wind Ever Known—Narrow Escape.

COLUMBIA, September 30.—(Special.)—The severest wind-storm visited Columbia last night that the oldest inhabitants ever remembered experiencing. Houses were unroofed, chimneys blown down, and trees uprooted. The country roads are impassable for vehicles. One family near here just did escape from their house before it was blown down. A great many farm buildings have been destroyed.

UPPER HANOVER.

Ashland Got Off Easily, But Many Farmers Suffered.

ASHLAND, September 30.—(Special.)—In last night's storm this town came off with comparatively little damage. A few houses had the tin roofs removed or bulged. Many shade-trees were destroyed, as were wind-mills, sheds, and the like. The county has suffered terribly. The old homestead of Mr. W. H. Campbell, near Negrofoot, fared worse than any place heard from. The house was a large brick one, with very high gables. The wind carried the top story off, levelling it to the floor of the second story. Mr. Campbell and family had to cut their way out of the building, as the mass of debris completely blocked the passages. There is not a farmer in the county who has not sustained heavy loss by the destruction of out-buildings, barns, and crops. Mr. W. C. Parkinson, near Taylorsville, lost seven frame buildings. With all the damage to property there is no report that any person was in any way bodily injured. The gale began at 8:30, and lasted, with unabated fury until 10:45, when it began to ease down. A high wind kept up until 4 o'clock this morning. The rainfall yesterday was a trifle over one inch.

LOWER ALBEMARLE.

The Storm King's Work Around Scottsville.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—This section of country was visited last evening by one of the fiercest storms that have occurred here in a great many years. About 7 o'clock heavy black clouds began to gather and rain fell very copiously. A strong east wind prevailed until about 9:20 P. M., when the wind suddenly shifted to the northwest, and blew a perfect gale for nearly two hours. A terrible cyclone coming from the northwest passed about one and a half miles north of this place along the line of Hardware river, doing considerable damage on the farms over which it rushed by unroofing barns, uprooting the largest trees, and destroying orchards and a large amount of fencing.

In the yard of Senator Martin's residence it uprooted and destroyed nineteen trees, some of them quite large. At the residence of John L. Dawson, Esq., it destroyed most of his orchard and uprooted fifteen large locusts, blowing one against the dwelling, and blowing off a brick chimney, besides demolishing a large chestnut grove near the house.

FORK UNION NEIGHBORHOOD.

The Worst Fluvanna Has Ever Experienced.

FORK UNION, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The heavy rainfall, driven by the eastern gale, which prevailed all day yesterday, was followed at 10 P. M. by a southwest blow, which in violence and effect reached the proportions of a tornado. Fences were prostrated, trees uprooted, out-houses upset, and many substantial dwellings so trembled under the power of the tempest as to cause great alarm to the occupants. On the farm of Captain Thornton Huckstep all buildings except the dwelling left their foundations, and the straw- and hay-stacks rode away on the wings of the storm. Some of the out-buildings on the farms of Mr. R. J. Snead, Mrs. Sarah Toney, Mr. Henry Seigfried, and many others were wrecked by the fury of the winds, and the public road from this point to Columbia is as effectually blockaded by fallen trees as if the work had been done by an invading army. As far as heard from, no lives have been lost.

LIVELY AT CREWE.

The Bright Light Was Also Seen There.

CREWE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—For two hours, commencing at 7:30 P. M. yesterday, a severe wind- and rain-storm prevailed in this vicinity. Although the rainfall was not very heavy, the wind approached the velocity of a hurricane, uprooting a large number of shade trees in the town, blowing down fences, and causing many buildings to rock. Nearly half of the tin roof was blown off the Norfolk and Western freight and passenger station building. Windows and window-blinds were blown in and off of several houses. Some of the large glasses in the Episcopal church were blown out, and one or two small houses in the course of erection were levelled. The telegraph- and telephone-wires were blown down, which cut off all communication. During the storm, and for a short while afterwards, quite a bright light appeared in the southeastern skies, which moved gradually in a westerly direction, and which attracted much attention.

WIDESPREAD IN GOOCHLAND.

Nearly Every Farmer Suffers—Historic Oak Blown Down.

GOOCHLAND COURTHOUSE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The storm here last night was terrific. It is impossible at this time to approximate the damage worked by it. Possibly every farmer in the county has suffered more or less from its effects. Whilst no fatalities are reported, yet the injury to property by the hurricane, as measured in dollars, is immense. Barns, stables, tobacco-houses, and fences all through the county were blown down, and the public roads are practically impassable in many localities by reason of uprooted trees lying across them. Splendid old shade trees about the homesteads were swept down, and the magnificent oak which stood in the court-green at this place was overturned, root and branch, and now fairly chokes up the square with its mass of shattered trunk and limbs. Under this old tree of such magnificent proportions as to attract the attention of every visitor to the village, Lafayette spoke, and beneath its shade nearly all of the noted men in Virginia politics before and since the war have addressed the Goochland yeomanry, notably John Minor Botts, James A. Seddon, John S. Fleming, Walter D. Leake, John Randolph Tucker, John W. Daniel, and Fitzhugh Lee. Every one who has ever visited the place will, I know, read with sorrow of the downfall of this old monarch.

HAVOC AT DANVILLE.

Trains Delayed—Trees Prostrated—Roads Impassable.

DANVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Danville has been almost cut off from communication with the world since yesterday evening, as the result of an unprecedented wind- and rain-storm. A wire to Richmond was secured this afternoon, and a round-about telegraph service is had to-night. Trains on the Virginia Midland Division of the Southern road are delayed, no mail from the North having arrived since yesterday. It is reported that a washout prevented trains passing, but just where cannot be ascertained. The storm unroofed houses, uprooted immense oaks and all kinds of shade trees, and played havoc with signs and fences. Many of the country roads in this section are so washed out as to be impassable.

Shook Things Up in Loudoun.

LEESBURG, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—This section was visited yesterday by a splendid and very much needed rain, but accompanied about 10 o'clock last night with the most terrific wind-storm ever known here. Coming from the southeast and veering to northwest, it seemed at times to blow from every direction at once. While no lives were lost or buildings blown down, the streets of the town are strewn with uprooted trees and broken limbs, and our beautiful cemetery is much damaged. Houses trembled and roofs rattled for about two hours, many persons being frightened into leaving their beds. Farmers report great losses in timber and fencing.

Damage to Mecklenburg Cotton.

GOODE'S FERRY, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—One of the most fearful wind- and rain-storms ever seen here set in last evening about 7 o'clock, and lasted for three or four hours, levelling to the earth many buildings, trees of the forest, and all fences in the least exposed. It pretty much destroyed all the cotton open in the field and unpicked. That which isn't out and blown away is so muddy as to be far inferior to what has been picked. About one quarter to one third of the trop of this section is just in such condition.

Severe in Orange.

ORANGE, VA., September 30.—(Special.) One of the most severe storms that ever visited this place passed over last night. Houses were unroofed and trees blown in every direction, blocking country roads and disabling all telegraph-wires. Roofs were blown off of freight-cars standing on sidings. We had no train from the North from 8 o'clock last night until 4:30 this evening. So far as can be ascertained, no lives were lost, nor was there any one injured.

Great Damage Around Blackstone.

BLACKSTONE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The rain- and wind-storm last night was of terrible violence throughout this section. Houses were unroofed and trees uprooted by hundreds. Nearly every business house here suffered in one way or another. Many farmers lost barns containing tobacco, and the little remaining in the fields is utterly ruined. There are no fatalities reported thus far.

Fierce in Amelia.

DEATONVILLE, AMELIA COUNTY, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Last night a fearful wind-storm prevailed in this vicinity. About dark the wind commenced blowing furiously, black clouds covered the sky, and for nearly three hours the storm continued in terrific violence. Trees were uprooted and barns blown down. I have not for twenty years witnessed such a tempest.

Around Meherrin.

MEHERRIN, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The wind-storm which prevailed here last night proved to be very disastrous. Many barns were blown down, miles of fencing were prostrated, trees were uprooted, and nearly all fruit was shaken from the trees. Telegraphic facilities were cut off till 11 o'clock to-day on account of damage to wires.

It Struck Cumberland Also.

CARTERSVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Cartersville and the surrounding country for miles were visited by the most terrific hurricane last night that has struck this section for years. Trees and barns were blown down, and houses unroofed. Chimneys were blown down and fences torn to pieces. Much damage was done to property in this place.

At Doswell.

DOSWELL, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The effect of last night's wind-storm is generally apparent in this vicinity, in the form of demolished outbuildings, prostrate trees, and scattered forage. No fatalities have been reported. Telegraph and railroad repairmen are rearranging the fixtures along the route.

Very Little Damage at Lynchburg.

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The river rose rapidly last night, reaching to-day 18 feet above low-water mark. Since it reached that point it has been falling. The wind blew a gale last night, but beyond blowing down a few chimneys did very little damage here.

Crewe Locals.

CREWE, VA., September 30.—(Special.) There was a fight on the street last evening between two well-known citizens, politics being principally the cause. A knife and knuckles figured in the "scrap," but neither did any damage of a serious nature.

Mr. H. N. Phillips, one of our prominent merchants, who was returning from Nottoway Court yesterday, was thrown from his buggy, and slightly bruised. The horse which he was driving became frightened and unmanageable, and this caused the accident.

Mrs. Alpha Hailey and Mr. J. F. Crawford, both of this place, were married at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Herbert Tunstall, at 1 P. M. to-day.

Lamb at Scottsville.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The storm last night prevented a full attendance of the Bryan-Sewall Club at this place. Nevertheless, some fifty or sixty members braved the elements and listened to Captain John Lamb, nominee for Congress in the Richmond District, discuss the issues of the campaign. The speaker defended the Chicago platform from the aspersions sought to be cast upon it by the Republican press and speakers, and paid a just and handsome tribute to Bryan, and then entered into a thorough discussion of the money question.

Scottsville Jottings.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—Mr. Akers, Messrs. Hill Montague and J. L. Moon, Jr., came upon the noon train to-day to attend the Dunn-Hill nuptials this evening.

Our School Board has employed as principal of the graded school here, for the ensuing session, Mr. Robert J. McBride, Jr., son of Rev. R. J. McBride, Episcopal minister at Lexington, Va. Mr. McBride is a B. A. of Washington and Lee University, and has taught one session in the State of Georgia.

Marriages in Roanoke.

ROANOKE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—J. W. Motley, manager of the Central Manufacturing Company, and Miss Mattie Tyler, both of this city, were married here last night, Rev. W. F. Locke, of Washington, D. C., officiating.

W. H. Hesser and Miss Maude Knepp, daughter of ex-Chief J. G. Knepp, of the Roanoke Fire Department, were married here this morning, Rev. Dr. Scott, pastor of the Lee-Street Methodist church, officiating, and left at noon on a short tour to the North.

Emporia Bicycle-Races.

EMPORIA, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—The preparations for the bicycle races to be held here next week have been completed. The park has been fenced, and the track has been put in very good condition. A number of riders from various parts of the State are expected, and the races are looked forward to with a good deal of interest. A large attendance is expected.

Assignment in Danville.

DANVILLE, VA., September 30.—(Special.)—A deed of assignment was filed here to-day by W. M. Gilliam, carriage dealer, naming P. H. Boisseau as trustee. The deed conveys the stock of vehicles, harness, and accounts, and the storehouse and residence property of the assignor. The debts aggregate about $6,300, the chief creditor being the Bank of Danville.

Old papers for sale at 25c. a hundred at Dispatch office.

BRYAN IN WEST VIRGINIA.

His Speech at Martinsburg Received Enthusiastically.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., September 30.—The Bryan special train was a little behind time in reaching Martinsburg from Washington, owing to several washouts along the route. Mr. Bryan was accompanied by Senator Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee, and a large delegation of State politicians. Few audiences of the same size addressed by Mr. Bryan in this campaign have been so wildly demonstrative as that at Martinsburg. The candidate arrived just as Jeff Chandler, of California, was concluding a free-coinage speech. He was introduced by Senator Faulkner, and in the course of his remarks said:

"In a platform all questions are covered, but the election always turns upon some paramount issue, and in this campaign we have declared that the money question is the paramount issue. If there are other things in which you believe, the settlement of those things can be postponed until after we have met and passed the crisis presented by the advocates of the gold standard. Our opponents, not we, are responsible for the fact that in this campaign we are engaged in a battle-royal between the money power and the common people. These contests are always brought about by the aggression of those who seek to use them as a means of private gain. All the great questions which have from time to time been forced upon the public have been forced, not by the many, but by the few, and the great struggles which have occupied the thought and the effort of the people of the world have been the struggles made by the masses in self-defence. And so in this campaign the hosts are being marshalled to resist the aggressions of the gold standard.

"If I were to tell you that a foreign army was going to attack us, or that a foreign navy was anchored at our gates, I could expect every one of you to join in an effort to protect our country from invasion. I announce to you that a foreign financial policy has not only invaded our country, but it has gained a fast hold here, and a great national party—the Republican party—has declared that the foreign policy shall remain here until foreigners themselves shall consent to its retirement. (Applause.) The gold standard idea is an imported idea (applause), and, my friends, I care not whether you attempt to restrain by high tariff or low tariff, I shall not be content until it shall be driven back and find no more a home in our midst. (Applause.)

THE BOLTERS.

"This contest upon which we have entered is not a temporary fight. Some of our Democratic friends who have worked with us in the past tell us in this campaign that they will either work with the Republicans or stop half way between our ranks and the Republican ranks until they summon enough courage to go the other half and declare themselves Republicans. (Applause.) I want them to go, understanding that they go never to return till they come back in sackcloth and ashes. (Applause.)

"If these men who have gained prominence through the honors given them by the Democratic party have an idea that they can withdraw in the face of the enemy and then be invited back to take command hereafter, they are making a mistake the greatness of which will increase as time goes on. This is no temporary disagreement. Those who leave the Democratic party to-day leave Democracy, and can never excuse themselves hereafter." (Great applause.)

The rest of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to a discussion of the money question on the lines followed by him in previous addresses. He contended that it was a simple question, that money was the creature of law, that debts and interest had not lessened under the gold standard, and, in fact, made the points familiar to the readers of his speeches in practically the same language.

On the run of the Bryan special up the beautiful Potomac Valley from Martinsburg to Cumberland, Mr. Bryan made a few remarks to a small crowd at Hancock, Md., concluding as follows:

"In going about over the country I have presented from time to time our cause as I understand it. Whether it results in my election or my defeat is a matter of very little consequence to me, but I do believe that the people ought to be concerned as to the policies of this government, and that they ought to make that interest manifest with the ballot-box." (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. Bryan's train reached Cumberland at 3 P. M.

BRYAN AT WASHINGTON.

He Chats With Bourke Cockran on the Train.

WASHINGTON, September 30.—Candidate Bryan slept through Washington this morning. The presence of a small but eager crowd around the train did not disturb him. None were admitted to the car he occupied, except Mr. James L. Norris and Deputy-Commissioner Bell, of the Pension Office, who went on to West Virginia with him. Mr. Lawrence Gardner was at the station.

It had been expected by the Washington people that Mr. Bryan would be in Washington long enough to take breakfast, and they were prepared to take him under their wing, but those assembled had to satisfy themselves with looking at the car. The only one of the Bryan party, which included Representatives McMillin and John S. Williams, who got off the train, was Mr. Josephus Daniels, national committeeman from North Carolina, who left the party here to go through to his own State.

Mr. Bryan retired almost as soon as he entered his car, at Jersey City, and was not to be disturbed until he reached Harper's Ferry. The calculation for immediate peaceful slumber was interrupted in an unexpected manner by an unexpected visitor. Mr. Bourke Cockran happened to be on the same train, and after Mr. Bryan had retired sent a card to him. Mr. Bryan promptly received him, and the two political enemies had quite a long chat in Mr. Bryan's stateroom.

STILL ENTIRELY WELL.

Members of Mr. Bryan's party pronounced as untrue the rumor circulated in New York last night that Mr. Bryan had succumbed to the severe physical strain under which he had been laboring. Mr. Bryan declared that he is entirely well, and there is nothing in his appearance to belie his statement.

The West Virginia committee, to arrange for Mr. Bryan's tour in their State, has held two meetings to perfect the itinerary that will be followed, the last of these meetings being held last night. Among those who attended the meeting were Andrew Edmiston, chairman of the State Committee; W. E. Chilton, chairman Committee on Speakers; General J. W. St. Clair, ex-Representative Alderson, Judge Ice, and Mr. Crim. The situation in West Virginia was discussed, and, without a dissenting opinion, West Virginia was declared to be safe for Bryan and Sewall. Mr. Chilton, the former chairman of the State Committee, said there would be no stay-at-home Democrats in West Virginia this year, but that the full party vote would be polled, and the State would be carried for Bryan in spite of the hard and untiring work being done by the Republican Committee, who had more money than they could use. General St. Clair said that in the agricultural districts the accessions from the Republicans were very numerous, and that the workingmen were for Bryan.

FARMERS FLOCKING TO BRYAN.

Overwhelming Majority of Labor Vote for Free Silver.

CHICAGO, September 30.—According to those in charge of Democratic National headquarters, the close of September finds matters in a most satisfactory condition. They declare that the cause of Bryan and free silver has received a marked impetus during the past ten days. From every quarter come reports that the farmers are flocking to Bryan, while, in the cities there is every indication that an overwhelming majority of the labor vote will be cast for the free-silver nominees.

Chairman Campau, of the Campaign Committee, returned this morning from Michigan. He found awaiting him a message from the New York Herald, asking if it was true that the National Committee was without funds. In reply, Mr. Campau wired that "the statement is a companion piece to the thousand and one malicious untruths circulated about the Democratic party, its candidate for President, its national organization, and the victorious campaign which it is conducting."

INDICTMENTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

President and Cashier of Suspended Bank in Custody.

NEW ORLEANS, September 30.—The grand jury to-day brought in seven indictments for embezzlement against President Nichols and Cashier De Blanc, of