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WORST THIS SEASON

CHICAGO VISITED BY A STORM THAT DOES A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE.

Telegraph and Telephone Companies Are the Worst Sufferers—City is Practically Isolated From the West and Northwest—Nothing Like It Has Been Seen in Over Thirty Years.

Chicago, March 11.—One of the worst wind storms of the season struck Chicago and during the two hours that it was at its height damaged property throughout the city to the extent of \$175,000. Many heavy plate glass windows were blown in. Telegraph and telephone companies were the worst sufferers and it will be some time before order can be restored. Thousands of poles were blown down and Chicago was practically isolated from the West and Northwest by telephone and telegraph. The long distance telephone service was crippled badly and was of little or no value. Neither Milwaukee nor Minneapolis could be reached by long distance telephone. The storm is believed to have been the most severe in Southern Wisconsin. Along a short stretch of the Milwaukee road in Southern Wisconsin 500 telegraph poles are down. Reports from many points in Indiana and Kentucky also indicate heavy damage from the storm. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies suffered severely by fallen poles. It was estimated that there were no fewer than 5,000 poles in the city blown down by the fury of the wind and storm. Telegraph service also as far West as Omaha was stopped. Trains entering Chicago were delayed from 10 minutes to an hour. The Burlington and Milwaukee and St. Paul companies were the worst sufferers in this respect. All the roads suffered damage to their tracks and switch yards. At the lifesaving station at the mouth of the Chicago river it was considered the worst gale that has struck Chicago harbor since 1869.

FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

Wills Point, Tex., Visited by a Terrific Cyclone.

Wills Point, Tex., March 11.—A cyclone passed through the west side of this place at 11 o'clock, demolishing everything in its track. Four persons are dead and about 20 injured, several of whom may die. Twenty-five dwelling houses were entirely ruined and a number of others are badly wrecked. The public school building is a total wreck. The cotton oil mill is damaged and the largest grain plant is in ruins. Wires were blown down and poles and fences leveled. A freight car was blown off the track. Many horses and cattle and other live stock are reported destroyed. The town was demolished by a cyclone in May, 1893.

DID GREAT DAMAGE.

Clouburst on Owensboro, Ky., Destroys Much Property.

Owensboro, Ky., March 12.—A cloudburst here did great damage. The sewer wall and a big water main on Main and Davies streets burst and a hole 25 feet deep and about 50 feet wide was torn in the streets for some distance. The streets were undermined so badly that part of them caved in. The Temple theater and Anderson's department store near by are both undermined and in danger.

An Indiana Tornado.

Princeton, Ind., March 11.—This city was struck by a tornado. One dwelling was wrecked, several others were moved from their foundations and hundreds of outbuildings were demolished. No lives were lost. The courthouse and the high school building were much damaged. Hundreds of windows were blown in.

BOILER EXPLODES.

Eight Persons Killed in a Laundry at Chicago.

Chicago, March 12.—By the explosion of the boiler in the Doremus laundry, 458 West Madison street, 8 people were instantly killed, 29 were injured and several are missing. The list of fatalities is as follows: Frank Hanneman, Martha Jacob, Bessie Kusara, Kate Voss, Catherine Kelly, George Piehl, Emma Sabruski and Minnie Olsen. The cause of the explosion has not been determined with accuracy as yet, and it will probably require an official investigation to settle the matter. It is known that the boiler was old, a second-hand affair, and there is no record in the office of the boiler inspector of any inspection having been made within the last year. Pending the verdict of the coroner's jury, A. L. Doremus, the proprietor of the laundry, is held in custody by the police, and it is the intention of the authorities to institute criminal proceedings against him should the facts brought out at the inquest warrant such proceedings.

LOSS OF \$200,000.

Fire Destroys the Medical Building at the Iowa University.

Iowa City, Ia., March 12.—Fire destroyed the Medical building of the Iowa State university at 2:30 a. m. while the wind was blowing at 50 miles an hour. The building was a mass of ruins within 45 minutes. The loss will reach \$200,000.

WILL RETARD BUILDING.

Disappointment in Manila Over the Spooner Amendment.

Manila, March 11.—Disappointment among American business men here with the limitations of the Spooner amendment to the army bill is increasing as its provisions become better known. It is considered to be especially unfortunate in apparently prohibiting the issuing of licenses for the cutting of timber upon public lands. If this interpretation proves correct it will be a bonanza for the few owners of private timber lands in these islands and the beginning of building activity in all towns will be considerably retarded.

There is some talk here of sending a petition to Washington for an extra session of congress, but the fear is general, however, among a certain element that this action might not result in any material good.

Regret is expressed here at the fact that congress does not entrust the timber, mining and land questions to the discretion of the representatives of the administration here.

MANY WRECKS REPORTED.

Severe Storm Prevails on the English Channel.

Paris, March 11.—The storm on the English channel continues and numerous casualties are reported. A fishing smack has been wrecked at Tregatel, near Brest, and the crew of four were drowned. The three-masted schooner Saint Mars of Bordeaux has been wrecked near Morlaix. Lifeboats rescued five of her crew and the remaining seven perished. The gale is sweeping over the bay of Biscay.

As previously reported the Norwegian bark, Lizzie Curry, Captain Knudsen, from Savannah, with a cargo of wood, has been thrown on the rocks on Gijon bar, and is a total loss.

THE NEW WARSHIPS.

Secretary of the Navy Rearranges Their Names.

Washington, March 9.—The secretary of the navy has rearranged the names of battleships and armored cruisers now under construction so as to provide that the Newport News company shall build the battleship West Virginia and the armored cruiser Maryland and also the battleship Virginia. The Bath company will construct the Georgia and the Cramps the Pennsylvania and Colorado. The protected cruiser St. Louis will be built by Neafie & Levy, Philadelphia, and the Charleston at Newport News.

HARRISON NO BETTER.

Left Lung Inflamed and Congestion May Extend to the Right One.

Indianapolis, March 11.—The condition of Former President Benjamin Harrison is serious. Dr. Jamieson stated that the upper part of General Harrison's left lung was inflamed. There is some danger of the congestion extending to the rest of the lung and to the right lung. Dr. Jamieson said that he was certain nothing was to be apprehended for the next 48 hours, but the age of the patient renders all calculations uncertain. General Harrison is suffering some pain, but is resting comparatively easy.

Result of India's Famine.

London, March 11.—A 2-line dispatch from India tells in a dozen words the terrible tragedy that has been wrought by famine. The census just completed in the worst districts shows a decrease in the population of more than 1,100,000.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, March 12.
WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard 74½¢, No. 1 Northern 73½¢, No. 2 Northern 67¢@70¢, No. 3 Spring 63¢@66¢. To Arrive—No. 1 hard 76½¢, No. 1 Northern 74¢, May 75¢, July 76½¢.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12.
WHEAT—Cash 74½¢, May 74½¢@74½¢, July 73½¢. On Track—No. 1 hard 76½¢, No. 1 Northern 74¢, No. 2 Northern 68½¢@70½¢.

Sioux City Live Stock.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 12.
CATTLE—Sales ranged at \$3.50@4.00 for beefs, \$2.00@3.75 for cows, bulls and mixed, \$3.00@3.50 for stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.25 for calves and yearlings.
HOGS—Sales ranged at \$5.25@5.35.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SAULT ST. PAUL, March 12.
HOGS—Sales ranged at \$3.35@3.55.
CATTLE—Sales ranged at \$4.50@4.90 for good to choice butcher steers, \$3.40@3.80 for good to choice butcher cows and heifers, \$4.50@5.75 for choice veals, \$3.30@3.85 for choice feeders.
SHEEP—Sales ranged at \$4.50@4.85 for choice butcher lambs, \$3.00@4.35 for choice fat wethers.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, March 12.
CATTLE—Sales ranged at \$5.05@6.25 for good to prime steers, \$3.60@3.80 for poor to medium, \$2.75@4.40 for stockers and feeders, \$3.60@4.40 for cows and heifers, \$4.00@4.90 for Texas steers.
HOGS—Sales ranged at \$5.10@5.67½ for mixed and butchers, \$5.55@5.70 for good to choice heavy, \$5.40@5.50 for rough heavy, \$5.40@5.62½ for light, \$5.55@5.62½ for bulk of sales.
SHEEP—Sales ranged at \$4.40@4.85 for choice fat wethers, \$4.50@3.25 for lambs.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 12.
WHEAT—March 74¢, April 74½¢, May 75¢.
CORN—March 30½¢, May 40½¢@41¢.
OATS—March 24¢, May 24½¢.
POPKORN—March \$14.70, May \$14.90, July \$14.60.
FLAX—Cash No. 1 \$1.55, May \$1.54½.
POULTRY—Dressed turkeys 82¢@10¢, chickens 7½¢@10¢.
BUTTER—Creameries 15¢@31¢, dairies 11¢@12¢.
EGGS—Fresh 12½¢.

FOR THE FARMER

The value of muck for manure has been much discussed by strong advocates and strong opponents, both parties speaking from experience, says American Cultivator. This is because the muck or black deposit in swamps or at the bottom of small ponds has been and ever will be variable in quality and partly because of the manner in which it was put. A muck may contain much vegetable matter, the result of plants that have grown up and died there, in which case it should be valuable because of the humus in it and the nitrogen that results from its decay as well as for the mechanical effects it will have in lightening up or making porous the heavy and compact soil, or it may have much of the washing from the surface of surrounding higher lands which may have been well manured to add to the value of the muck or much sand to make it poorer.

But it is of that which is full of vegetable matter that we would speak now, as it is the most valuable when properly used, yet an element of danger when not treated as it should be. If it has been water soaked most of the season, the vegetable matter will be but little decayed, and it will be so acid in its character when first taken out that no vegetation will start on it or grow where it is used freely. We have taken out such muck in the winter and allowed it to lie in the heap until it had been subject to the changes of the following summer and winter, when we found it a good fertilizer on heavy soil, nearly equal to the average manure in the barnyards, not that in the barn cellars.

Prepare to Grow Fodder Crops.

Present indications are that the grass crop is likely to be light next season throughout nearly all the eastern states and in many other sections, says The American Cultivator. Two seasons of drought and in many places the ground bare of snow most of the winter have so injured the grass roots that we cannot expect them to put out a vigorous growth. To remedy this we have many crops that can be grown to furnish seed for the summer, when the pastures are poor, and that may be cured for winter fodder. Oats can be cut even before they head out to feed green, but to make hay they are best when the grain is well grown, but in the milk. It is well to sow enough that it may be used both ways and even to make more than one sowing. Oats and Canada peas are even better than oats alone. Millet and Hungarian grass can be sown later and are about equally good whether fed green or as hay. There are many other new crops that have been introduced lately, but we do not consider that any of them is as well adapted to our climate as the corn crop, and we are doubtful if any of them is as valuable for food, green, dry or in the silo, with the possible exception of the crimson clover, where that can be grown.

Cheap Flooring For Henhouse.

We will give a method of making a floor for henhouse or other places where heavy animals are not to travel or teams to be driven over it that is nearly as good and durable as a cement floor and is cheaper. It also makes a good walk around the house in places where it will not be much driven over. Lay a foundation four to six inches deep with small stones or the clinders from the coal ashes, making as nearly a level surface as possible. Then with the regular coal sieve get the coal ash and add a bushel of fresh slaked lime to each four bushels of the ash. Mix well and let it stand a few days, then add a gallon of salt and moisten to a thin mortar so that when put on it will settle down into the stones. Spread two or three inches thick and in a few days give another coating. The more coatings and thicker it is the longer it will last. If it is broken by accident, it can be mended in the same way. It will be ratproof and water-proof, and if the upper surface of the last coat is smooth it can be kept clean and absorbs no filth or odors.

The Uses of Muck.

We have found muck a valuable absorbent to use in the stables, hogyards and other places where we had need of an absorbent, if we placed it under cover when dry in the fall; also valuable to mix with manure from poultry houses, vaults and even to mix with fish when we were where we could get the bony or menhaden fish. Some have advised the use of lime to correct the effects of the acid in it, but we never tried it, preferring the seasoning of the sun and frost, which can be helped in its work by throwing the heap over in summer and perhaps in the late fall again. The muck which contains much sand is worth but little and will not repay trouble in getting it out and handling it.

Bees Annoying Neighbors.

Where bees are kept in a village or in a thickly settled community sometimes they cause considerable annoyance to neighbors. The plan adopted by a Massachusetts beekeeper has caused him very little trouble in this respect. If a colony shows a disposition to be cross, the queen is killed and replaced by one from a more peaceable strain. When no honey is coming in, care is taken to avoid opening the hives except when absolutely necessary, and it is then done as quickly as possible.

Time to Plow.

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