

**STORM STRUCK.**

**Missouri Towns Made the Prey of the Spirit of the Wind.**

**Death and Destruction to Property All Along the Line.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—A special to the *Star* from St. Joseph, says: Yesterday evening a destructive cyclone visited the country north-west of Stanberry, Mo. It moved from west to east and covered a strip of country two miles wide and five miles long. Almost every building in its path was torn to pieces.

Among those who suffered the loss of all their buildings are John Briggs, John Burnett, James Swearingen, John Warrack, John Shelton and Mr. Howberger.

Several people were killed, among them, Mrs. Ward. Her husband was fatally injured as was also John Shelton.

An unknown woman was also killed. Most of the people saw the cyclone coming in time to get into their cyclone caves and escape injury. The loss will aggregate thousands of dollars.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. LOUIS, April 12.—With the dawn of day came increasing reports of damage by last night's storm. No single disaster was of itself of serious moment, nor was there any loss of life. Nurserymen suffered losses of glass and plants by hail. The city work house was unroofed but no one hurt. A large quantity of lumber along the river front was swept away and in addition to the boats mentioned last night the steam yacht of an English tourist, Sidney Quirk, has disappeared. All the boats, however, are believed to be safe with their few involuntary passengers. The poor house, hospitals and other city institutions were damaged.

AT LEXINGTON.

LEXINGTON, Mo., April 12.—A terrible cyclone passed through a portion of this country last night about 7:30 o'clock accompanied with terrific thunder and lightning and destroying in its path which was about 200 yards wide, and so far as traced, some five or six miles in length. It first struck the earth about a quarter of a mile south of Mayview where it demolished the house of Mr. Meyers and seriously, though not fatally, injured every member of the family. Passing thence in a northeasterly direction, it destroyed the houses of Messrs. Fountaine, Wellman, Kelly, Stone, Roach, McElroy, Williams, Walker, and others, and swept the out-houses, fences, trees, and everything else before it as though they were but trash. Many persons were bruised and maimed more or less seriously, and at Mr. Walker's house, which was of brick, two of his children were killed and another mortally hurt. Mr. Walker and wife and a hired man were also all seriously hurt, being covered by the debris and were rescued with difficulty.

**TOM SAWYERITES.**

**Band of Boys at Mound City Engage in "Looting" Sunday School Scholars.**

A startling story comes from Mound City, Mo., relative to the result of the pistol shot fired by Edward Shellenbarger, a merchant at that place, a few nights ago. The shot which took effect in the body of Willie Stebbins, the 16-year-old son of a well known farmer residing near that place, brought out a curious story, and also revealed to the people of Mound City that all they had known of some of the young men of that place, was not exactly as they had supposed.

Yesterday there was one of the most largely attended funerals known for years, held at that place. The dead was Willie Stebbins, into whose body Shellenbarger fired the bullet, and who had died the night previous from the effects of the shot. It was at first thought that he would recover, but Friday a collapse occurred and he died in a short time. Prior to his demise and when he had been assured that death was certain he was asked to tell all about the robberies, through the result of which he was shot. For some time he hesitated, but finally after being assured that his death was only a short way off, told his hearers that he would like to tell the story, but that he was bound by an obligation.

Finally the young man told a portion of the story, but refused under his obligations to tell all of the details. As near as can be learned he told those near him that he and a number of other young men had read Tom Sawyer and from it had secured their ideals. Then nine of them organized a society modeled after the Sawyer method and a hideous oath was administered to

each. The character of this oath was not divulged, but its nature was so strong that it caused the dying young man to shudder. The band was composed of sons of the best people in Mound City, and at the first meeting they elected by ballot a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each of these officers were plainly told their duties, and a cave selected in one of the bluffs was made the rendezvous of their plunder. The object of the band was to loot the business places of the city, and then divide the booty secured. The president of the band was to secure the necessary skeleton keys according to the Tom Sawyer method, and at the time that Stebbins was shot the president had over 100 of these instruments. Several raids were made and it was the fatal bullet fired by Shellenbarger, which put a stop to further raids.

A curious fact connected with the breaking up of the Tom Sawyerites, was that all of the young men concerned were Sunday school scholars. They were all in good standing and each Sunday found them in their classes prepared for the Scriptural study. Every Sunday night they were at church and it was generally after services on Sunday nights that they made their raids. The shooting of Stebbins occurred less than an hour after services had closed at the church and one of the band who made the raid that night had sung in the choir just prior to going out on the looting expedition. All of the young men are connected with the best families in Mound City, and their parents are feeling the disgrace keenly. All of the young men will be arrested according to the statement of an official who was in that city yesterday. He stated that the arrests would be made at once.

**AN EDUCATIONAL MAP**

**Being Prepared by Superintendent Wolfe for the World's Fair.**

State Superintendent of Public Schools L. E. Wolfe is having a big educational map of the state prepared for the state exhibit at the World's Fair. The work is being performed by Mr. J. W. Marstella of Kansas City, an experienced and skillful draughtsman. The map which is ten feet square, will show the exact location of every one of the 10,000 school houses of the state, as well as the State university, normal schools, colleges and other institutions of learning. The magnitude of the undertaking can well be imagined. Some six or seven months ago the Missouri World's Fair commission asked Prof. Wolfe to have such a map prepared, if possible, for the educational exhibit. He at once addressed letters to every county asking for necessary information, and as is always the case, some of the counties did not respond. The counties yet to be heard from are: Adair, Audrain, Butler, Caldwell, Cape Girardeau, Douglas, Phelps, Livingston, Ozark, Pulaski, Scotland and Taney. Strangely enough three of these counties have state educational institutions, to-wit: Adair and Cape Girardeau, normal schools, and Phelps the school of mines and metallurgy. It will yet be hoped that all these counties will yet heard from before the map is sent to Chicago, which will be the latter part of the month. In addition to showing the location of each educational institution, the map will contain some figures calculated to attract attention, such as a permanent school fund of \$11,000,000; number of school children, 900,000; number of school teachers employed annually, 15,000; annual expenditures for school purposes, \$5,000,000.

**Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.**

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Trustworthy agents will be at the C. B. & Q. depot in Chicago to impart all information to visitors. Arrangements will probably be made by which some trains will be run direct to the World's Fair grounds without change or delay. 331w4m

**MOB RULE**

**Catches Salina, Kans., In Its Clutches and Riot Reigns**

**Hudson, the Negro Rape Suspect, Receives Rough Usage, But is Finally Concealed.**

SALINA, Kas., April 11.—The situation growing out of the assault on Mrs. J. M. Frost is extremely exciting.

Last night a man by the name of John Hudson was arrested and taken before Mrs. Frost. She immediately declared that Hudson was her assailant.

The prisoner maintained that he was innocent and begged that every means be taken to protect him from the mob, as he could to-day prove an alibi. The jail was securely guarded all last night and though a large crowd surrounded it the general feeling prevailed that the prisoner should be given the benefit of the doubt.

This morning the county attorney investigated Hudson's statement and he succeeded in proving an alibi through the evidence of four witnesses. Mrs. Frost, however, notwithstanding the strong testimony, reiterates her statement that Hudson is guilty. She understands fully the importance of her statement, and unhesitatingly says not only to the officers, but to all who call on her, that Hudson is guilty and should be hung. The witnesses who testify in behalf of Hudson are Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, a colored man and wife, and two farmers. They claim that Hudson was at Hensley's all night the night the crime was committed. The place is six miles from town, and the house at which the witnesses swear they saw him makes it absolutely impossible that he is the guilty person if their testimony is correct.

The situation is merely the woman's statement against the other witnesses and the mob will decide in favor of the wronged woman without more thoroughly investigating the case.

Last night a mob of 200 came on a special train from Abilene to hang Hudson, but were kept from accomplishing their purpose.

The mob organized and marched to the jail where a fight took place with the deputies. Several men were wounded by accidental pistol shots and Policeman Meyers was knocked down with a club. The guards made a strong resistance, but were overpowered.

With a bar of railroad iron the door to the jail was battered in. The crowd quickly followed. A rope was placed about Hudson's neck and he was dragged out and up the street. A crowd of 1,000 men followed, some of them shouting, "hang the nigger!"

Mrs. Frost being at the National hotel, he was taken before her and she positively identified him as the guilty man. The mob, which until now had been reasonably orderly, was turned into a crowd of lawless men thirsting for human gore. The negro was given an opportunity to talk, during which he said he was innocent of the crime and begged to be given a fair trial.

The better class of citizens then took a hand, and the negro was rushed into the hallway, where the angry mob was kept back.

F. F. Garver addressed the crowd, imploring the men not to act hastily, as there was an element of doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner. During this time the unfortunate man was hauled up and down the street in attempting to hang him up to a telephone pole. Mayor Cravens appeared on the scene and demanded that the crowd disperse. The negro is safely guarded for to-night. In justice to the citizens of Salina it should be known that the members of the mob were from adjoining towns.

Several persons were hurt during the struggle, among them being T. F. Garver and J. L. Broisto. Finally Mayor Cravens ordered the mob to disperse or suffer arrest. The mob then dispersed and the negro was taken to an unknown place of safety. He will be given a fair trial when the excitement subsides.

**Birds of Missouri.**

Professor Frank Dixon, the taxidermist, of Kansas City has completed his collection of birds for the Columbian exposition and he and his assistants are now occupied in packing it for shipment. Eight boxes have been filled already and twelve are yet to come. The collection numbers nearly 400 birds, all of them representative of the ornithology of the state of Missouri.

The method of packing them is quite peculiar. The wooden stand on which each bird is set is screwed to the bottom or side of the packing box and neither paper nor excelsior is used, as these materials are liable to spoil the feathers of the birds. The peacocks, of which there seven or eight will require several boxes alone

as only two can be placed together. By the end of the week all the boxes will have been shipped. Each box bears on it a tag, upon which is printed:

"To the Director General of the World's Columbian Exposition; Department of Ethnology; Missouri Exhibit of Birds." The group entitled "Babes in the Wood," made up of doves and robins, will not be ready for shipment for about a week.

In conversation with a reporter yesterday, Mr. Dixon said that the exhibit has turned out to be far more complete and interesting than he had anticipated when he began work upon it last fall. He said, also, that the collection would undoubtedly present a fine appearance in Chicago when set in its position, as the birds would all be placed in elaborate cases of white and old gold.

**CAR COLLISION**

**In St. Louis Causes Severe Injury to a Number of Men.**

St. LOUIS, April 10.—Early this morning a collision occurred at Tenth and Washington streets between a car of the Northern Central Railway company and a car of the Benton-Bellefontaine Railway company in which four men were dangerously injured and a number of others more or less cut and bruised.

The men were all on the platform of the Northern Central car and were thrown on the track of the Bellefontaine, the motor car striking and running on them before it stopped.

A crowd immediately surrounded the motor car and lifted it bodily from the track, while the injured were dragged from beneath the wheels, covered with blood and dirt. John Doyle was most seriously hurt about his back, while the blood poured in streams from cuts in his head and neck.

An ambulance was summoned and John Doyle, Joseph Demmi, Frank Lagusa and Salvador Lanargo were sent to the city hospital. Vincent Debius, Antonio Gordia, Joseph Sansi and Michael Signso were removed to their homes.

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When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.  
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**Removal.**

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Abel, you're a fool!  
Mr. Chiggers—Well, didn't you know it before we were married?  
"No—yes."  
"Then what did you marry me for?"  
(Melting) "Because I was a fool, too, dear."—Chicago Tribune.

**He Had Had Experience.**  
She—If you really think, dear, that the stone in my engagement ring ought to be re-set, why, of course, take it; but (anxiously) how long do you think it will take?  
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