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CYCLONE CUTS THROUGH CITY

MISSISSIPPI TOWN SUFFERS FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

THE WORK OF RESCUE

With Lighted Candles the People Searched Through the Ruins for Dead and Injured—Fire-Flend Follows Wind

Mobile, Ala., March 3.—A long distance telephone message to the item from Meridian says a cyclone, accompanied by a heavy rain, struck that city yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The storm center was in the southern portion of the city and principally heavy along Front street, one of the principal business streets of the town. Nearly every house on Front street is reported to have been demolished. The Armour packing plant, from which this message was received by long distance phone, is the only building left standing and the roof of this is gone. Fire broke out in the ruins and despite the heavy rain, the flames were burning fiercely when this dispatch was filed.

A number of bodies are reported to be in the ruins and the rescuers worked by candle light. The city is in total darkness, the electric lighting plant having been put out of business.

The tornado did severe damage at other points adjacent to Meridian and all trains are delayed indefinitely.

The Western Union Telegraph Company reported having lost fifteen miles of wire and the Postal telegraph company also suffered great damage. The wires are all down between Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and other points and it is impossible to secure communication with the stricken city.

A private long distance message received from Meridian at 9:30 last night says three fires raged in the devastated district. The work of the rescuers was going bravely on, but owing to all lights being out, lanterns and candles were being used in the work and it was necessarily slow. It is thought that 150 bodies are in the wreckage. The union depot is one of the buildings blown away. The telegraph wires are still down between Meridian and Mobile and other points.

SCHOOL MAN WHIPPED.

Woodward, Okla., March 3.—Because he suspended a pupil, Prof. Bart Langley, superintendent of the Woodward schools, was horse whipped by the child's mother. Langley had her arrested and she then renewed the attack, knocking him down with a club. A trial today before Judge Patton resulted in her conviction, with a sentence of ten days in jail and \$25 fine. She has appealed to the district court.

LATEST STORM NEWS

Believed the List of Dead at Meridian Will Reach One Hundred.

Special to Daily Light. Meridian, Miss., March 3.—At the break of day this morning confusion as a result of last evening's storm still prevailed. The rescuers worked all night and removed a number of dead bodies and injured persons from the ruins. A detailed list of the casualties is still unobtainable, but it is believed the loss of life will reach one hundred. It is probable that the injured will be twice that number. Telegraphic service with the outside world is spasmodic, and news from other points affected by the storm is of a meager nature.

Order here is being restored as rapidly as possible under the circumstances. That portion of the town struck by the tornado presents a scene of desolation and destruction that beggars description. Magnificent business blocks have been crumpled into atoms and where once stood elegant homes grief-stricken men and women are searching through the wreckage for their loved ones who are missing.

Engine Crew Robbed.

Paris, Tex., March 3.—Engineer Jim Jones and Fireman B. Bryant of the Texas Midland came in Thursday night at 11 o'clock and went to their room in a boarding house on Sherman street. This morning they discovered that they had been visited by a burglar who took their gold watches and \$16.50 in cash from their pockets. No clew.

Found White Woman's Head.

Waco, Tex., March 3.—The head of a white woman was found yesterday by a number of negro boys. The police are mystified, but the explanation generally accepted is that it is a specimen of anatomy thrown away by some physician.

GOVERNOR HOGG DEAD

Loyal Citizen and Patriotic Statesman Passed Away This Morning.

Special to Daily Light.

Houston, Tex., March 3.—Governor James Stephen Hogg is no more. This morning at 11:20 this loyal citizen and patriotic statesman was called to his final reward.

When the announcement was flashed over the city that this distinguished man was dead grief filled the hearts of his hundreds of friends and admirers here. The death of Governor Hogg will not only be mourned in Houston, but it will be universal throughout this broad state, for he was a man of and for the people.

Governor Hogg was a native Texan and a true son of the soil. He first came into state prominence as attorney general under the administration of Governor Ross. He succeeded Ross as governor and served two terms, from 1891 to 1895. His administration was wise and efficient and his name will be handed down to posterity as one of the ablest men who ever filled the gubernatorial chair. He was the father of the state railroad commission, which will long stand as a monument to his broad-minded statesmanship.

Governor Hogg had been in poor health a long time, and last fall he was sick several weeks at Fort Worth, going there to submit to an operation. After hovering between life and death several days he regained his strength sufficiently to return to his home in this city. A relapse came and he had been confined to his bed nearly ever since returning from Fort Worth.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Some Changes Suggested Which Might Add to Efficiency of System.

We are proud of them and no town can boast of a more efficient corps of officers and teachers than we have—they are progressive and would have our school head the procession of progress—some changes, however, they feel a delicacy in speaking of because it might appear that self interest prompted them. The trustees, good men all of them, think as long as no objection is raised everyone teachers, parents and pupils, is satisfied. But should we be satisfied with good schools so long as they are not as good as it is possible for them to be? It is hard that our high school girls must go up and down so many steps, but that, it seems, cannot be remedied. It is unfortunate the high school apartment is so poorly heated in winter and so well heated in summer, but this, too, it seems, cannot be helped. Will it not mend matters in a measure at least to shorten the hours of each daily session? A majority of the best schools in the state are adjourned by three o'clock. The best in the United States (Boston—Cool Boston) are dismissed at two. The best school in the world (German) allow the pupils to go home at one o'clock, except when it is warm and then they are dismissed at twelve o'clock. All American schools open at nine, as we do; the Germans only begin at eight a. m. The children do much of their studying at home any way, so why not have one less study period and make the recitation periods a little shorter. Last year my daughters were among many girls who were completely prostrated at the close of school, and it required the whole summer to recuperate sufficiently to begin school in the fall. Is there no remedy for this? If we think these long hours best because they were a part of our own childhood (distance lends enchantment) let us go further and revive ALL those old customs—ox carts, tallow-dips, etc.—or shall we embrace every opportunity, every improvement that will help our children to be better men and women than we are. These suggestions do not come from a cool, disinterested critic, but from the heart of a thoughtful BROTHER.

APPLICATION FOR BAIL

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District Judge Dillard is engaged this afternoon hearing the application of Dr. F. E. Green on a writ of habeas corpus for bail. Several witnesses were present to testify in the hearing.

Dr. Green has been in jail here since last December on an alleged charge of murder, it being claimed that the death of Mrs. Stella Taylor, which occurred at Palmer December 7, was due to an operation performed by Dr. Green for the purpose of producing abortion. Roy Taylor, husband of the deceased, is one of the state's witnesses. A number of physicians have been summoned to give expert testimony in the case. The defendant is represented by Col. R. H. Seay of Dallas. County Attorney Smith and Assistant Peary are being aided in the prosecution by Bowd Parron.

Sneezing Results in Death.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 3.—Death came to Bessie Cole, daughter of Stephen Cole of Bloomingsburg, Fayette county Ohio, yesterday after a spell of sneezing which lasted ten hours. A physician was summoned. His efforts to check the sneezing were of no avail. The bursting of a blood vessel ensued.

GRANT ANOTHER STAY

Patrick's Hearing for a New Trial Goes Over One More Month.

New York, March 3.—The hearing upon the motion of a new trial in the case of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, has adjourned until April 3. This will make necessary a further reprieve by Governor Higgins, as Patrick is now under sentence to be electrocuted March 19. District Attorney Jerome informed Recorder Goff, before whom the hearing is being held, that he would join with Patrick's attorney in an application for a reprieve.

Recorder Goff said he also would give his approval to the application for a new reprieve. Adjournment followed a short session of the hearing during which Recorder Goff, State's Attorney Jerome and Patrick's counsel, William K. Olcott, joined in discussing the motions which were made to strike out of the court records several affidavits made for Patrick made by Texas witnesses.

Mr. Jerome made these motions on the ground that witnesses had failed to appear at the present hearing, and he also asked to strike out the affidavit of John T. Milliken of St. Louis, Patrick's brother-in-law, from whom a telegram was received yesterday, saying he would be unable to attend.

Milliken's affidavit concerns the manner in which the Texas witnesses for Patrick were found and their statements obtained.

Simultaneously with the district attorney's action, Mr. Olcott made a motion to place on record three new affidavits made by Edward D. McKenna, official stenographer to Judge Kittrell of Texas; Adolph Goldman, real estate dealer and ranchman of Houston, Texas, and former Chief of Police John C. Blackburn of that city. Mr. Jerome objected to the new affidavits. Recorder Goff said the case should not be carried to an interminable length. It was six years since the alleged crime was committed and if the district attorney did not object to the introduction of supplemental affidavits, the recorder said he would be reminded of his duty. If the affidavits contained any new matter, the recorder said, there would be a reasonable justification for their admission, but they were simply a reiteration and accumulation. Nevertheless, he added, he would allow their admission in order that defendant might have every opportunity under the law to obtain justice. The affidavits were admitted.

Poultrymen to Meet.

A meeting of poultry fanciers of Ellis county will be held at the city hall Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Waxahachie Poultry Association on a broader scale and to elect officers for the year. Plans will also be discussed and outlined for the next annual show. Every poultryman in Waxahachie is invited to attend this meeting. There promises to be a good attendance from different sections of the county.

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KU KLUX KLAN IN SHREVEPORT

NEGROES FLED WITH CRIES OF TERROR WHEN GHOSTLY VISITORS APPEARED.

NEGRO HOUSES VISITED

All Saloons and Other Places Operated by Negroes Received Calls From Silent Horsemen. No Violence Used.

Shreveport, La., March 3.—This city experienced a revival of Ku Klux Klan Thursday night when a party of 50 mounted draped and masked men rode over the city, causing a stampede in the negro districts. The raid was a result of the trouble this city has experienced during the last 10 days and followed after the execution of the negro rapist, Charles Coleman.

The raiders were costumed after the manner of Thomas Dixon's "Clansman" except the mask and toga were black. The patrolmen were on the alert and as soon as the masked body appeared reports from all over the city were telephoned to headquarters. The police made no arrests, having learned that the Ku Klux was composed of the best citizens of the city and the leader promised that no violence should be used. They were to warn negroes what would happen in the event of a repetition of former crimes.

Wherever the swift silent horsemen moved during the night the negroes were panic stricken and fled in wild terror.

No violence was used, but the presence of the Klan struck terror to the negroes and caused a panic among them.

Saloons, dives and all negro quarters were visited. The horsemen reined up in front of the negro resorts, and as soon as negroes looked out on the streets saw the ghostly figures on horses silently standing with mysterious motions they became filled with a vague fear and fled with cries of terror to any place of safety that appealed to them.

No word was spoken and no violence used. The Klan came in the way understood. The action is approved by the best citizens of the city, and for this reason the police refused to interfere.

Buying Right of Way.

T. A. Ferris and T. F. Thompson are two of the busiest men in the city just now. They are looking after the matter of procuring the right of way through the city for the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad, and for the past several days they have devoted most of their time to this work. They reported yesterday morning that deals had been closed in the city with five property holders. The sum of \$4,000 was paid yesterday morning for property within the corporate limits of the city. The work of securing the right of way will be pushed just as rapidly as possible so that the work of grading can be commenced.

Ginning Cotton at Howard.

B. B. Moody, a merchant at Howard, was in the city last night to attend the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Howard stated to a representative of this paper that there was yet some cotton to be picked in the Howard community. He said twenty or more bales were ginned at that place yesterday. Mr. Moody said the farmers were taking advantage of this weather and were beginning to get busy on new crops.

Senior H. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday, March 4, What is true happiness? The worldly idea; the christian idea, Luke 6: 20-26. I John 3: 12-17. II Cor. 6: 10. Phil. 4: 1-7.

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MATTHEWS BROTHERS...

TEXAS GREATEST MAN

Tribute Paid to Governor Hogg by District Judge Dillard.

"I am sincerely sorry to hear of Governor Hogg's death. I remember him as the greatest man ever produced."

Such was the statement by District Judge J. E. Dillard this afternoon when the reporter called at his court room and showed him the press special, announcing the death of that eminent statesman.

Judge Dillard lived in East Texas many years ago and knew Governor Hogg when he was a bare footed boy. The judge was then editor of a paper at Rusk, Cherokee county, and Jim Hogg set type in the office twenty-two months. It was under Judge Dillard's foreman that the future governor took his first lessons in the art preservative.

Judge Dillard always took a great interest in Hogg as a boy and has watched his career in public life with a great deal of satisfaction. He has always been a loyal friend to the governor and looked upon him as being broad minded, patriotic and a born leader of men.

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