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DEATH IN A STORM

Tropical Hurricane Develops Great Force on Northern Coast

8 DROWNED AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

A Tug of the American Dredging Company Swamped in the Delaware River—New York Was Visited by a Terrific Wind, Rain and Thunder Storm.

New York, Special.—A number of lives were lost—much property damaged and several ships were wrecked in the storm which swept up the Atlantic coast last night and Thursday.

It was one of the fiercest September storms on record—thunder and lightning adding terrors to a howling gale which swept drenching sheets of rain over sea and land. At night telegraphic reports say that the storm has swept out into the ocean from the Canadian coast.

The greatest loss of life was near Wilmington, Del. The tug Israel W. Durham, with a crew of 6 men, and four other men, employees of the American Dredging Company, was swamped in the Delaware river early during the height of the storm. Eight of the ten persons on the little craft were drowned. From farther down the coast—Jacksonville—comes the report that 5 men were drowned off Charleston. This report was brought in by one of the coast liners.

Hallifax, N. S., is now mourning a \$500,000 fire. While this fire was not directly due to the storm, the flames were fanned and driven forward by the high wind which prevailed.

New York suffered comparatively little. The wind and rain and lightning and thunder were terrific, but little damage was done. Nineteen coal barges went adrift in the bay and their wreckage strewn the shore from the battery to the narrows, but no lives were lost. Several small vessels also went ashore on various parts of the coast near New York. One fatality was reported in this city when a piece of cast iron from a fire escape was blown from a building and struck Carl Herzner, killing him instantly.

A fishing steambot, Joseph Church, of Green Port, N. Y., struck on Peak's Hill, and was smashed to pieces. The captain and crew of 21 men were saved.

From Wilmington, Delaware, comes the news that great destruction was caused by the storm. Trees were uprooted, and crops were particularly spoiled. A crop of wheat, arriving at Baltimore recently that never before in their experience has such a severe gale swept down on them at this time of the year. One man was seen adrift in a small boat in Chesapeake Bay, but was impossible to rescue him. The storm was accompanied by a cold wave.

New York State Ticket. Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—The Republican State convention adjourned at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, after nominating unanimously the ticket for State officers forecasted by the Associated Press as follows: Governor, Frank W. Higgins, of Catskills; For Lieutenant Governor, M. Linn Bruce, of New York; For Secretary of State, John F. O'Brien, of Clinton; For Attorney General, Julius M. Mayer, of New York; For Comptroller, Otto Kelsey, of Livingston.

For State Engineer and Surveyor, Henry A. Van Alstyne, of Columbia; For Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, Edgar M. Cullen, Democrat, of Kings; For Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, Wm. E. Kerner, Republican, of Monroe.

Two Killed in a Bridge Accident. Stillwater, Minn., Special.—The bridge across the St. Croix, which is a half mile long, extending to the Wisconsin side, caught fire late Thursday afternoon. The fire created some commotion and the fire apparatus responded to the alarm as was followed by the usual crowd of persons. The fire had so weakened one end of the spans of the rather ancient structure that when the fire apparatus and the crowd attempted to cross, it fell into the water, twenty feet below. About twenty persons were precipitated with the wreckage into the water. Adolph Boo, aged 22, and George McCrath, aged 16, were killed, and five others were seriously injured. The financial loss was small.

Marked For Slaughter. Thomasville, Ga., Special.—Several days ago James Horne, a leading merchant here, received an anonymous letter advising him that he had been marked for slaughter by a "Beef and Pork Club." The writer professed to be a friend of Mr. Horne, who he wanted to save him. The letter was followed at an early hour Thursday morning by the firing of Horne's store. This was done with kerosene and was the work of incendiaries. Early pleas saw the fire and extinguished it with slight loss.

By Wire and Cable. Prince Herbert Bismarck is critically ill at Friedrichsruhe, Germany. German army maneuvers began near Bohwin.

Governor Montague announced that he would be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Martin.

The campaign in the Northern Neck opened in a lively manner. The cases of Sunday law violations were recently created a stir in Alexandria were nolle prossed.

Telegraphic Briefs. Fourteen plucky negroes, Schermen, who crossed the Charleston bar Tuesday morning have not returned, three are known to be drowned and there is only a bare possibility that the two other boat-loads were picked up by a passing vessel.

The Italian Government is trying to secure the return of the ancient cope stolen from Assisi and later sold to J. K. Higgins.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Progress of Cotton Picking—Early Crops Matured.

The week ending 8 a. m. September 12, had a mean temperature of 74 degrees which is 3 below normal, due to unusually cool nights. The temperature deficiency was greater in the interior. The extremes were a minimum of 57 at Florence on the 9th, and a maximum of 90 at Yemassee on the 6th.

The precipitation was excessive over most of the southern and eastern portions, and it was deficient in the northern and western ones. The rainfall was confined to the early part of the week, the latter part having been generally clear and dry. In the parts that had excessive rains the amounts ranged from about an inch to 4 inches; the other parts from less than an inch to no rain, the latter in Greenville county.

Farmwork was delayed, early in the week by cloudy and rainy weather over a large part of the State, but it progressed rapidly during the latter portion throughout the entire State. As the season advances, it is seen that the condition of early corn is better than heretofore reported, while late corn was slightly damaged by excessive rains in the extreme northeast; the crop as a whole is the best in many years. Fodder pulling is practically finished except from very late corn.

There are numerous reports of deterioration of cotton due to continued rust and shedding, and in the eastern counties from the ravages of caterpillars which have recently increased in numbers to a damaging extent. On the whole, cotton has attained a too early maturity. Cotton is opening fast in the power bolls. Cotton is opening fast in the eastern and central counties where picking has made good progress while in the extreme northwest there are but few bolls open and picking has only begun. Sea island cotton is in excellent condition and is heavily fruited.

Weather was favorable for haying during the latter part of the week and much grass was cut, and cured in fine condition. The forage crops are uniformly good. Sweet potatoes are poor in places, but generally very promising. Rice harvest was interrupted by rain, but latterly made rapid progress. The late rice crop is well headed. Minor crops are, as a rule, very promising.

Successful Summer Schools.

Columbia, Special.—The last of the summer schools for teachers for this year closed Friday and the office of the State Superintendent of Education has tabulated the returns and is preparing them for the annual report. It was found that there had been 2,829 teachers enrolled in the various State, district and county summer schools during the summer. This does not include the boys' industrial schools in Edgefield county, which closed in August, and the schools of 14 and 21 years of age.

The enrollment last year in the State and county schools was 2,398, so there has been an increase of 431 teachers. The average in 1903 was 231 teachers. The average attendance this year is 2,029. About 100 teachers attended the summer school at Knoxville and other places outside of the State, so it will be seen that a large percentage of the teachers in South Carolina spent a portion of the summer in the State, and "they will return to their various school rooms with increased zeal and improved methods and added wisdom," said Mr. Martin.

The summer schools are supported by legislative appropriation from dispensary funds, by State board appropriations, from income of permanent school fund and by appropriation by Peabody trustees. The total amount used this year was about \$9,000.

Special Fund Exhausted. It was mentioned in The Columbia State a few days ago that the pay of judges of special courts—and of special judges to act for circuit judges who are sick—had almost exhausted the special appropriation for that purpose. The governor is given a special contingent fund of \$2,500 with which to meet this expense, and the following are the calls which have been made upon it already.

G. E. Prince, Saluda and Barnwell, \$250.00; J. J. McCullough, Union, 13 \$250.00; L. F. Youmans, Greenwood, 16 days; \$235; J. E. McDonald, York, 23 days, \$234.92; W. H. Hunt, Spartanburg, \$308.54; E. Prince, Barnwell, \$327.23; F. B. O'Neal, Lexington, \$192.10; J. F. Culbreath, Newberry, \$120.00; L. F. Youmans, Greenwood, \$200.00; total, \$2,102.20.

Two-Dollar Wheat Predicted.

Chicago, Special.—Wheat at \$2 a bushel before next May, was roared by the bulls on the board of trade. At the opening there was an excited demand for wheat and few traders venturing to sell. Those who wished to buy shouted bids of 2 cents a bushel above the prices prevailing at the close of the market, and the quantity that any order would sell over at such a tempting advance was extremely limited. Of winter and spring wheat produced this year in the United States it was contended there is barely enough to feed the population of the United States, and it is available which is not possible.

Boat Burglary at Rock Hill.

Rick Hill, Special.—Burglars entering the rear door wrecked the safe in McFadden's meat and ice market with sledges hammers and glycerite about ten early Sunday morning and secured between \$500 and \$600, leaving no clues. The tools used were left scattered about. The robbers also entered the wholesale groceries of J. W. O'Neal and B. N. Craig. Doors were found broken open but nothing missing except a few boxes of sardines at O'Neal's.

Deputy Sheriff Fired Upon.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Specials to The Telegraph say that Deputy Sheriff Thrift was fired upon by a crowd at Baxter, Fla., when he attempted to arrest the two Altams, implicated in the tragic row on a Georgia Southern & Florida passenger train Sunday night, in which two were killed. Clitizens prevailed upon the deputy to make no further attempt at arrest until the sheriff arrived. More trouble is expected when it is attempted to take the Altams to trial.

STATE PARAGRAPHS

Many Matters of Interest to South Carolinians.

An Unusual Incident.

An unusual incident transpired in the Spartanburg sessions court Wednesday which will afford a break from the dull monotony of sitting under the stern dignity of his honor and hearing the endless talks of the lawyers, the hesitating, stammering statements of witnesses and the sonorous voice of the court crier. Arthur Salter, colored, was arraigned for stealing live stock. That is, Salter was brought into the court room. Just after he had been placed in the criminal docket he fell down and gave vent to a number of guttural, groaning sounds, at the same time twisting and writhing his long, lank body. Judge Gary had a physician summoned, who, after a careful examination, pronounced the negro to be perfectly healthy. Salter refused to go by his diagnosis, however, and continued in a prostrate condition in the docket, at times groaning and howling. As the negro kept up his game, the judge selected the jury and the case was tried. In the meanwhile Salter was removed from the docket to a bench, where he lay flat on his back, feigning sickness. He was found guilty. When the court asked him to stand up he could not be moved by the officers and Judge Gary pronounced sentence on the man as he lay on the bench. "Your sentence is 18 months at hard labor on the roads of Spartanburg county—this is six months additional, Salter, for your exhibition this morning," remarked his honor. Court officers had to catch the negro by the arm and forcibly carry him from the court room.—Gaffney Ledger.

To Restore Citizenship.

Mr. J. A. McDonald, district attorney of the 3rd district of the State of Texas, has asked the governor to pardon Adam Martin, a negro residing in that State. The negro was sent to the penitentiary for cattle-stealing in 1889, and served his term of one year. He was then a boy of 17 and lived in Newberry county. His pardon is asked for on the ground that it would restore his citizenship and would permit him to testify in a burglary case in Texas. Gov. S. W. T. Lanham of Texas, a native of this State, recommends the granting of the pardon.

Governor Invited.

Gov. Heyward has been invited to McColl to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new school building. The ceremony will be held on the 31st of October and Gov. Heyward has been asked to deliver the principal address on that occasion.

Minor Palmetto Matters.

The Winsboro Granite company has finished the new monument to take the place of the bronze palmetto tree at the Chickamauga battlefield. Gen. C. I. Walker has gone on to see that the shaft is erected properly. Capt. E. J. Betts is the chief engineer of the park. The old bronze tree will be sold for junk, although it was the unexpressed wish of the legislators that it be brought to Columbia and placed in the capitol unless it had been damaged too badly. The new shaft cost \$1,850.

Activity at Mukden.

Mukden, By Cable.—The armies having recovered from the effects of the recent fighting before Liao Yang, an early development of the situation may be expected. A mysterious movement is in foot on the part of the Chinese suitable for the hands of a general. All the leading military secretaries are leaving Mukden.

Bennett Again Arrested.

Savannah, Special.—James B. Bennett was arrested here Sunday, and unless he can defeat requisition proceedings, will be taken to Brinson, S. C., where he is charged with having murdered his wife. Several weeks ago the coroner's jury discharged him, the killing of Mrs. Bennett having been thought an accident. Now further proceedings have been instituted against him. Bennett, instituted against him. Bennett, several years ago, was given a life sentence, but was pardoned conditionally, and he was now in South Carolina. Bennett had enlisted in the army here.

Fighting at Mukden.

London, By Cable.—It is asserted in a dispatch from Tokyo to the Express that the Japanese are vigorously shelving the Russian position at Mukden preparatory to a general advance, and endeavoring, by a wide turning movement, to cut off General Kuropatkin's retreat. The Japanese armies, it is said, are disposed to take some relative positions as in the fighting before Liao Yang.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Johnson City, Special.—Joel Lalo, a Cuban who works in a low restaurant, shot and killed Otto Ferguson late Monday night. Ferguson was an ice cream man and was attacked with a black jack, which was tried before a jury. Bullock, Lyle and Lee tried evening and was acquitted.

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THE STATE FARM A SUCCESS

Some of the Directors State That There Are 30 Mule Colts Which Will Be Exhibited at the State Fair.

Dr. M. O. Rowland, Mr. D. B. Peurifoy and Mr. J. O. Wingo, of the board of directors of the State penitentiary, have returned from a trip to the De Saussure and Reed farms in Sumter and Kershaw counties. Mr. A. K. Saunders, another director, has a plantation adjoining the State farms and he visits the State property quite often.

Mr. Peurifoy, who is a good farmer himself over in the Saluda valley of Saluda county, declared this to be the finest crop ever grown upon the State farms. The most satisfactory exhibit of all was a drove of 30 mule colts. These will be brought to the State fair with the hope that farmers in South Carolina will take up the breeding of mules in view of the fact that the building of the Panama canal will require the use of thousands of mules and the market will offer good prices. The farms are also stocked with hogs, sheep and goats and other farm animals, in raising which there is found to be profit.

The field crops are magnificent, notwithstanding the continued damp spell in August. Mr. Peurifoy states that 500 bales of cotton will be marketed and that there are 500 acres in corn with the best yield the farms have ever known.

Surrender Themselves.

Greenville, Special.—Closely following the announcement of Will Sloan's death at the county jail Wednesday, William Putnam and Rube Sudduth, charged with the shooting, came in and surrendered to the officers. They are now held at the county jail pending a preliminary hearing.

Sloan's dying statement was taken by Notary John T. Gilreath and reads: "I know I cannot live, and I would like to say that William Putnam or Rube Sudduth shot me on Sunday evening. Me and Stark Cooley went to the woods to get some whiskey. We had the can when they run up and struck a match. I turned to run. William Putnam said, 'Shoot, and shoot to kill,' and at that time I was shot. There was two or three more shots after I was shot. I had no pistol. If Cooley had one I never saw it. I was not selling whiskey nor never did. I had not violated the law and did not resist arrest."

Considerable interest has been awakened in the case on account of its unusual features. Why did Putnam shoot Sloan and why did authority? Is the question often asked.

South Carolina Items.

The Bank of North was given a charter Friday. The capital stock is \$15,000. Copators, J. C. Witt, J. M. Davis, J. L. Reeves, E. C. Johnson and W. G. Wolfe of Orangeburg.

The Bank of Anderson, the Bank of McCormick and the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Cherokee are the only banks in the State which have not complied with the request of the comptroller general for statements as to their other assets engaged in the suit to test the validity of the act permitting the merger of several railroads into the possession of the Southern Railway. The suit came up in the circuit court of common pleas.

The railroad commission is in receipt of a petition from Laurens asking for the depot to be removed to another spot nearby. The station is on the bank of the river, and the railroad will protest against the proposed removal.

The directors of the State dispensary held a meeting last week, deferred from Tuesday, which was election day. The St. John hotel of Charleston was granted a tourists' hotel privilege. This was about the only business transacted.

Gov. Heyward last week received a telegram from Mr. R. H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, asking for an expression of opinion as to the desirability of having the proposed International Cotton Spinning Association meet in the northern section. Gov. Heyward being a white man there who has acted as agent has resigned and that it is impossible to get another.

If the present ratio of increase keeps up in fertilizer tax returns, Clemson College will get not far from \$120,000 this year. Up to September 10th the State treasurer has received from this source \$102,336.70, against \$91,229.05 for the same date last year. The income for the entire fiscal year of 1905 was \$98,909.80, which shows that the increase in the last three months of the year was about \$7,000, most of the fertilizer having been purchased.

The worst storm since Oct. 20th, 1903 passed over Georgetown Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. From a normal reading of 30.01 the barometer dropped Tuesday night to 28.95. The wind began to rise at about 9 o'clock, accompanied by heavy showers of rain and attained a maximum velocity of about 50 miles an hour near midnight. Towards morning the wind changed completely around, blowing strongly from the southwest, a sort of sand-rain and the rice planters have suffered severely. A large part of the crop being cut down and lying in the fields. The damage to property in town will be about \$10,000. Many fine shade trees have been stripped and uprooted.

A terrible accident occurred at the Olympia mill, Columbia, at 1 o'clock Tuesday, due to a rupture of a tube in one of the upright boilers. One of the firemen was fatally burned and scalded, and another was injured. The boiler was forced with great pressure steam, forced downward, drove live coals out through the door, and struck the two negroes who were stamped with fright and ran several yards to the Episcopal mission house, a sort of saltarium, where they were stopped and, in a moment, Adams will die, their wounds dressed. Adams will die, and the other negro is in a dangerous state.

Two cottages at Barnwell, the property of Mrs. Emma Halford, were destroyed early Wednesday morning by fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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PORT ARTHUR AGAIN

Persistent Reports of Another Assault Circulated

FIGHT IN PROGRESS OR IMMINENT

Advices From Chefoo to the Effect That a Grand Assault is Now Taking Place, or Will Occur Very Shortly.

Chefoo, By Cable.—Local students of the military situation at Port Arthur, basing their deductions upon recent developments there, are of the opinion that another grand assault is either occurring at the present time or is imminent. This opinion is based on the very heavy bombardment of the Russian stronghold that occurred on Sept. 16th, for such a bombardment forms the usual prelude to an assault; on the arrival here of important messengers from Port Arthur at a time when the running of the blockade is extremely perilous; on a recent authoritative statement that Japanese siege works are completed, and on reports from Japanese sources that at Port Dalry an assault was expected to take place in a few days. These reports were received last week.

In addition to the foregoing there is the common knowledge that the Japanese realize that their continued inactivity increases the resisting of the Russian garrison, and their consequent desire to make such period of inactivity as brief as possible.

Why Kuroki Failed.

London, By Cable.—The Times correspondent with General Kuroki in a dispatch dated Liao Yang, Sept. 7, and at the conclusion of a long account of the battle there, says: "General Kuroki's flank movement failed owing to the tactics of General Kuropatkin," who trusted the half of his army would suffice to hold the Japanese south of the Taitse river. His forces were so strongly posted and he possessed such a secure line of retreat that the soundness of the course adopted must appeal to tacticians. In any case it upset the calculations of the Japanese, who counted upon comparatively feeble resistance to their flanking movement. There are indications to show that while the Russians contemplated a determined effort to check their feared throwing down of arms, the proof of this is that the Japanese did nothing for the Japanese army only for one day. After the Russian retirement to the east bank of the river their position presented a scene of carnage unparalleled in European warfare. A remarkable feature of the fighting on the flank was the evidence that the Japanese proved the value of their lines as compared with heavy continental formations. The Russian's "lack of dash indicated prudence against jeopardizing their retirement."

Japanese Captures.

Tokio, By Cable.—Marquis Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the field, telegraphed Monday morning that General Oku had reported having captured thirteen prisoners at the battle of Liao Yang. He also gave a detailed list of the Russian stores which General Oku captured, including 30 horses, 1,288 rifles and 127 ammunition wagons, 5,892 rounds of artillery, 659,930 small arms cartridges, great quantities of timber, flour, rice, forage, engineering implements, clothing and accoutrements.

Manchester Cloth Market.

Manchester, By Cable.—The cloth market had a tendency toward hardening, as the makers increased their engagement and a fair turnover of most descriptions resulted last week. The China trade was more quiet, especially in the gray staples. The output for the next six months has been generally disposed of.

Another Georgia Lincing.

Atlanta, Special.—A special to The Constitution from Royster, Ga., says: "The Lynch held court in Franklin county and as a result the riddled body of John Ware, a negro, is swinging from the limb of a tree between here and Carnesville. Ware was done to death by a mob for fatally shooting C. Y. Daniel, a son of George Daniel, of Danielsville. Young Daniel and the negro had some words over a trivial matter. It is said the negro, becoming greatly enraged and saying that no white man should run over him, drew a pistol and shot Daniel, the bullet inflicting a wound that will prove fatal."

Manchurian Army Resting.

St. Petersburg, Special.—General Sakhovoff has reported to the general staff under date of September 17th: "The Manchurian army is nowhere engaged on September 16 or 17. The arrival of considerable reinforcements is not incredible at the advance posts along the whole of the enemy's front, and especially near the village of Bi-anacuppa, and east of the railway towards the mines."

To Begin Referendum Vote.

Indianapolis, By Cable.—In accordance with the resolutions adopted at the recent St. Louis convention of the International Typographical Union, that organization, within a few days, will begin a referendum vote of the members, which will determine whether or not the organization shall pledge itself to the eight-hour day. The resolutions provide that the union shall begin the eight-hour day January 1, 1906, at which time a demand for such a concession will be made upon all employing quarters.

RESULT OF SECOND PRIMARY

Returns Received From Every County in the State.

The returns received Wednesday night from all parts of the State are incomplete and the results are still in doubt except in the 6th Congressional district where the election of J. E. Ellerbe is admitted by a safe majority even by his opponent, J. W. Ragsdale.

Mr. Ellerbe will succeed the Hon. Robt. B. Scarborough who declined to enter the race for re-nomination. An official count will be necessary to decide the contest for railroad commissioner. Earle leads Mobley by nearly 7,000 votes, but the votes reported are principally from the cities and towns, and when the rural vote comes in the result may be different.

It is not probable that the total vote will approximate 75,000 and in many counties the greatest indifference was manifested.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Earle, Mobley. Alken, 18 out of 32 boxes. 1,464 1,075

Abbeville, 22 out of 24. 843 943

Anderson, 27 out of 19. 2,117 424

Bamberg, 12 out of 14. 632 504

Barnwell, 8 boxes. 187 250

Berkeley, 8 out of 22. 126 261

Beaufort, 6 out of 9. 233 219

Charleston, 20 out of 26. 1,303 705

Colleton, 8 out of 30. 430 553

Cherokee, complete. 1,002 523

Cherokee, 20 out of 24. 674 1,020

Clarendon, 20 out of 24. 824 884

Chesterfield, 10 out of 22. 359 933

Darlington, all out one. 1,053 1,184

Edgefield, 20 out of 22. 621 787

Marbleboro, complete. 751 922

Richland, 19 out of 21. 2,118 836

Florence, 8 out of 13. 437 453

Greenwood, complete. 886 917

Greenville, 28 out of 41. 3,670 819

Georgetown, 9 out of 15. 359 528

Hampton, 9 out of 23. 311 568

Horry, 3 boxes. 527 180

Kershaw, 19 out of 21. 154 278

Laurens, 19 out of 32. 1,225 560

Lancaster, 12 out of 17. 348 469

Lexington, 23 boxes. 759 1,589

Lee, 7 boxes. 415 366

Marbleboro, one missing. 751 826

Marion, 19 out of 21. 2,118 836

Newberry, 5 missing. 1,077 608

Orangeburg, 18 out of 55. 855 487

Oconee, 5 boxes. 641 142

Pickens, 7 out of 23. 1,042 492

Richland, 20 out of 22. 672 1,384

Spartanburg, incomplete. 2,109 894

Saluda, 8 out of 29. 232 310

Sumter, 14 out of 22. 486 671

Union, two missing. 1,046 1,229

Williamsburg, 6 boxes. 479 190

York, complete. 1,480 1,579

34,428 27,801

Bear Story from Maine.

Here is a bear story from South Paris: The other night Ira Murch of that village went to a pasture near the Stony Brook road after his cow. When well up into the pasture he stooped down to pick some strawberries, and a little distance away heard a combined grunting and squealing sound. Looking up he beheld a large female bear with her family of three little cubs about two rods ahead of him. The mother bear was lying down, but got up slowly onto her forward feet and took a careful survey of Mr. Murch. He then tossed a small stick toward her, when she got on her feet and walked away, closely followed by her three babies. Mr. Murch says she was quite thin, but thinks she would weigh about 200 pounds. The cubs were, from his description, some eight