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LIGHTNING DOES MUCH DAMAGE

John Smith Seriously Injured, Probably Fatally, and A. G. Stoner of Angora Severely Shocked

HORSES WERE NOT INJURED

From Saturday's extra edition:

John Smith was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured, and A. G. Stoner and John Burry, both of Angora, were badly stunned, when a bolt of lightning struck the stall in which they were resting in the fair grounds stables Friday evening during the severe thunderstorm. A race horse in the stall adjoining the one in which they were resting was not injured, although the report was spread immediately after the accident that the horse had been killed.

The stall in which they had taken refuge from the heavy downpour is near the south end of the stable, and is used as sleeping quarters and as a sort of storage room. In the center of the stall there is a small platform suspended by six wires connected with the scantlings on the ceiling. The roof is of galvanized iron and the lightning striking the roof came down one of the wires.

Smith was lying on the improvised bed at the time, and the men from Angora were sitting between the head of the bed and the north wall. Stoner and Burry came up from Angora Friday to enter negotiations for the purchase of a horse belonging to Jack Kennedy, and had been in the stable yards when the rain started, after which they went into the barn. The frequent loud peals of thunder and brilliant flashes of lightning soon banished all business talk, and conversation turned to the storm. There was a small leak in the roof, and Burry, who was sitting between the head of the bed on which Smith was lying, and Stoner, was getting the benefit of it.

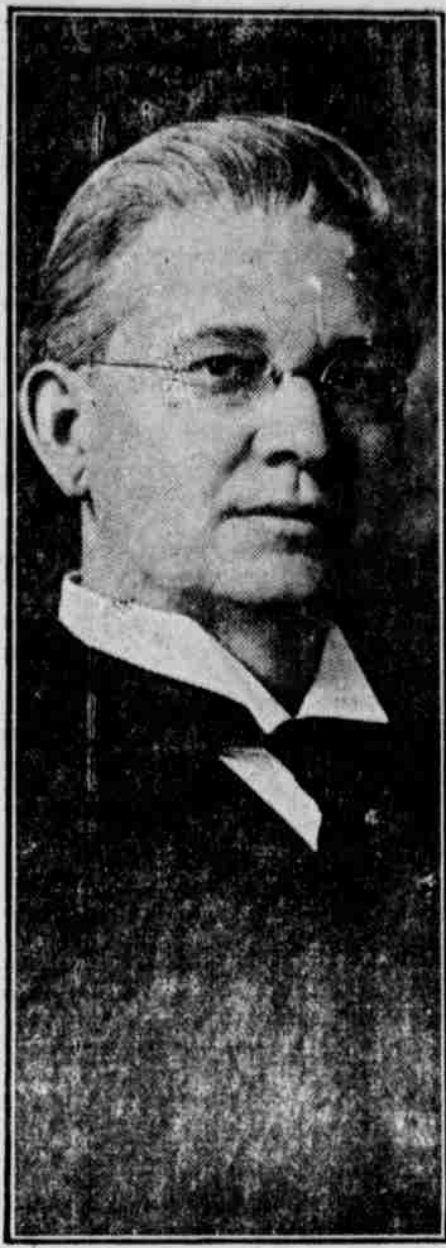
He decided to change positions, and, getting up, walked over to the door to watch the storm. According to Burry, he had been standing by the door not more than one minute when the lightning struck. He saw a blue haze fall to the position where he had been sitting, and had he stayed there, he would have been killed instantly. Mr. Stoner fell over stunned, and Smith, who had been reclining on the bed with his head on his arm, lay flat. The room was immediately filled with smoke and gas, and as soon as it had cleared and Burry had grasped conditions he called Dan Phillips, who, after a hasty examination started to town through the rain. He stopped at several houses to use a telephone, but as they were nearly all out of commission he was not successful until he reached the Alliance Garage, where he phoned for John Wallace to come out in his automobile.

Smith was taken to the hospital, but it was seen that Mr. Stoner was recovering so rapidly that it would not be necessary to put him under a doctor's care.

On the bed in which Smith was lying a piece of wire had been wrapped around the head post, and to this is attributed his receiving the bulk of the stroke. The lightning had evidently jumped from the wires that suspended the platform to the wire around the head of the bed. His head was only a few inches from the wire, and on that side a streak was burned from the eye to the back, the hair being burnt off, and a hole eight inches long being cut in his nearly new felt hat. Reports from the hospital state that he is getting along better than was expected and that he has a slight chance for recovery.

Burry, who was standing against the wall near the door, was thrown rather forcibly to one side by the shock, but quickly regained his senses. Both he and Stoner were able to walk down town a few minutes afterward, and in the evening went to the hospital where they helped care for Smith. Saturday morning Smith was unconscious, and did not know that he was in the hospital.

On the roof of the stable are two slabs of sheet-iron, one overlapping the other. At the lapping point, where the lightning entered, the sheet-iron is blackened for several feet, and numerous splinters are torn from the inside of the stall, some of them being taken out of the



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sides of solid boards as though they had been removed with a knife. In one place a splinter about an inch wide and six inches long had been chipped out of a scantling and driven through the crack further along the plank where it goes through the groove in the next wall. The wall is about eight inches from where the splinter had been torn out.

Where the lightning came in contact with the wire, the wood was scorched for several inches around, and the splices on the wire were blackened. In one place the wire had evidently been nearly melted for a space of two inches.

Dan Phillips stated to a Herald reporter that several bolts had struck in close proximity to the barn, one of them striking just a few hundred feet north.

Neuralgia Pains Stopped

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CARE OF REFRIGERATORS

Timely Article to Housewives That May Prevent Disease This Summer

Glen Miller, of Miller Bros. house-furnishing store, has called our attention to the following article regarding the care of refrigerators during the summer months. The article is indeed timely and may be the means of preventing considerable ill health in and around Alliance. It is taken from a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture, and is absolutely authentic. Read it and profit.

A few simple precautions will aid the housewife in keeping food untainted in hot weather. It is, of course, common knowledge that the higher the temperature, the quicker food, particularly meat, will spoil, according to a bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture, but the family's supplies are not absolutely at the mercy of the thermometer. Ice and cleanliness are two great weapons of defense.

For many families a refrigerator is obviously out of the question, but it is perhaps better to have no refrigerator at all than a neglected one. Merely to wash it out occasionally does little good; it should be thoroughly scalded at frequent intervals, in particular the drain. This, if overlooked, is apt to harbor fungous growths, which may spread to the food. On one occasion a man applied to the department because he had found a joint of beef placed in his refrigerator had turned a peculiar bright red. Upon examination it was ascertained that the meat was covered with a peculiar fungous growth due entirely to the refrigerator. Growths of this kind do not always advertise themselves so promptly and there may be much evil in an ice box that the eye can not detect.

If the refrigerator drain is not thoroughly cleaned, moreover, it is likely to become choked, the water is not carried off quickly enough and little pools are left standing in the interior. Dampness is one of the conditions more favorable to bacterial growth. An ice box in this state will not protect food long. It is, in fact, a wise precaution to wipe the interior of a refrigerator every day with a dry cloth.

The temperature of the average refrigerator is higher than most persons suppose, and in those households where a regular supply of ice is not obtainable a cool cellar, a spring house, or the depths of a well may serve somewhat the same purpose.

"Germs" which grow in foods and cause illness grow very rapidly, particularly if the food is a little warm, and are not destroyed unless the food is well cooked before serving. Simply "warming up" is not enough, as was found in a case of illness recently reported after eating some warm-

ed-up creamed vegetable. Certain kinds of food—creamed chicken, or custard, or warm vegetables, for example—are excellent culture mediums for bacteria which may have been introduced into them by accident. For this reason it is a safe rule to have as short a time as possible intervene between the preparation of food and its consumption. All food, cooked or uncooked, should be kept in a clean, cool place in order to reduce the danger of infection to a minimum.

BURNED MANY TIES

Bolt of Lightning Ignited Huge Pile of Ties South of Railroad—Damage Estimated \$500

From Saturday's extra edition:

At 6 o'clock Friday evening, during the severe electrical storm, a bolt of lightning struck a large pile of ties on the Burlington property south of the stock yards. The pile contained several thousand ties. The bolt set fire to the ties, the glare illuminating the sky so that it could be seen for miles around. For a time it was thought that the stock yards were in danger, but the heavy rain had so thoroughly wetted down the hay and other inflammables that the sparks did no damage.

The Burlington fire department was called out and went to the fire with the special engine and equipment. They did good work and kept the damage to the ties down to about \$500. This crew worked until midnight holding the blaze down.

Benefited by Chamberlain's Liniment

"Last winter I used Chamberlain's Liniment for rheumatic pains and soreness and stiffness of the knees, and can conscientiously say that I never used anything that did me so much good."—Edward Craft, Elba, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

Rainfall Very Heavy

One and three-quarters inches of rain fell in Alliance and surrounding territory between 5:30 and 7:30 o'clock Friday evening. The storm was almost a cloudburst. At times the streets in Alliance were simply a sheet of water. The storm continued eastward, according to people coming in on the morning train, following the line of the Burlington east. The electrical disturbance was great, lightning striking in a number of places in and about town. No serious damage to crops has been reported.

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TRAIN GRINDS MAN TO PIECES

Dan L. Downing of Los Angeles Lost Life While Trying to Board a Passing Freight Train

BODY BURIED AT THIS PLACE

From Saturday's extra edition:

Friday morning, as Roadmaster F. M. Hoenshell was running slowly on his machine about six miles west of town, near Yale siding, he came across the mangled remains of a man scattered along the track. All that remained to identify the man was the trunk, with the head, one arm and one foot severed. The supposition is that he had tried to board the west bound train Friday morning a short distance out of town, and in so doing his hold had slipped, and his arm and foot had gone under the wheels. It is supposed that he then hung onto the rods with the other hand and foot for some distance, finally fainting from the loss of blood and falling with his head under the wheels. The body being found a half mile from the foot and arm bears out this theory. Parts of the skull and brains were found for several hundred feet.

As soon as Mr. Hoenshell made the gruesome discovery he telephoned in for the section crew who went out and brought the remains to town, taking them to the Darling undertaking parlors. The only article found on the dead man that could be used as a clue to his identity was an aluminum pocket-piece which bore the inscription, "Dan L. Downing, Los Angeles, California." Besides this there were a few matches and a fifty-cent piece in his pocket.

Later Geo. Darling and Coroner Slagle went to the scene of the accident to find the head. They followed the track for several hundred feet, but the largest piece of the skull they found was no larger than a man's finger, as it had been dragged until it had broken into small fragments.

The conductor of the freight train, Bert Johnson, knew nothing of the accident until told of it Friday morning.

Some Alliance men happened to be west of town early in the morning and saw a man whom they supposed to be Downing walking along the track. The freight came along soon afterward and they did not see him again and supposed he had caught a ride.

The remains were buried Saturday morning in Greenwood cemetery. It is thought that the officials will communicate with the Los Angeles authorities in an effort to determine the dead man's identity, and to find if he has any relatives at that place who should be notified. It would be impossible to even estimate the man's age or nationality.

An Effective Cough Treatment

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The Junior Chautauqua For Boys and Girls



THE above picture shows one of our Junior Chautauquas—a group of happy children out under the trees enjoying some games and plays under the direction of one of our expert playground supervisors.

They have just come from the big tent, where they listened for an hour to this same Junior Superintendent tell stories—stories that were funny, stories that were entertaining and others that will establish ideals in their young lives. Now they are learning some new games and will therefore have something to think about and engage in long after the Chautauqua has gone.

This afternoon these children will all be in the Auditorium tent listening to the musical part of the program. These older children will stay for the lecture, but the little tots will come back to this cool, shady place and enjoy some more stories and games and will be ready to go home with their parents, who have had a chance to enjoy the lecture under the canvas.

The Junior Chautauqua has been a factor in bringing about supervised playgrounds in many of our Chautauqua towns.

Remember the morning hour is free to all the children. Every boy and girl of the community is invited to attend.



MME. FRENCH, GRAND OPERA SOLOIST, WITH HAGENOW'S BAND.

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COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

Timely Talk on Organization of the Business Men and Farmers—"In Union There Is Strength"

That community is exceptional in which today merchants, farmers and other citizens are not organized and working together for upbuilding and general improvement. The community conscience—the spirit of cooperation—is aroused throughout the land, and citizens of all vocations are exerting themselves in behalf of the public welfare.

Merely to list the activities of enterprising communities would be to catalog all the civic virtues. Education in its broadest sense is receiving large consideration, and the work of public schools especially is being conducted along lines calculated to develop boys and girls into citizens better fitted to labor in rural vocations and to lead in community affairs. The problems of every class are being studied and earnest efforts are being made to solve them in a manner that shall promote both public and private welfare. Permanent roads, scientific agriculture, good markets, pure bred live stock and diversified farming are being striven for by merchants and farmers working hand in hand; and the same organized instrumentality that is used to help the farmer is devoting a large part of its efforts to the improvement of retail merchandising methods in the local stores.

This all but universal movement is especially significant to rural communities; for it means to those engaged in its progress, prosperity and general enlightenment; and to those that remain unorganized and inactive it means ultimately elimination. Citizens everywhere have long been familiar with the law of competition as it operates between individual merchants, and they have often seen the fact demonstrated that weakness and incompetence in merchandising must inevitably give way before enterprise and efficiency; but they have not so generally realized that the same law operates in precisely the same way in competition between communities.

Unquestionably many rural communities in all sections are suffering losses in population and a narrowing of their spheres of influence because in their unorganized condition they cannot withstand the competition of more enterprising communities that are strongly organized and vigorously aggressive in enlarging their fields of operation.

Such changes of community boundaries are taking place daily in all parts of the country; gains being made by vigorous organized communities at the expense of weak unorganized groups. It is for the citizens of this community to determine for themselves into which class it shall be placed—whether the next decade shall see it moving forward in the front ranks of the army of progress or taking its place at the rear among the incompetent and the unfit.