

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE

Awful Loss of Life at Chandler, O. T., in '97's First Great Twister.

WORK OF RESCUE IS PROMPT.

The Night Was One of Horrors, as the People Had No Warning of Coming Disaster.

Rain Fortunately Quenches Fires.

GUTHRIE, Okla., April 1.—A tornado swept through the very center of Chandler, a thriving town of 1,500 people, about 6 o'clock last night, causing the deaths of at least 30 and possibly 50 people, and injuries to about 125 others, wrecking the best business houses and generally laying waste the place.

Fires broke out in various places in the debris and it is feared that many of the victims of the wind were burned to ashes before the succeeding heavy rainfall quenched the flames.

Twenty-three dead bodies had been recovered from the debris this morning, and as many are unaccounted for it is feared that the death list will aggregate fifty, while at least a dozen of the injured will undoubtedly succumb.

In one wrecked building five injured people were burned to death, and at another place the charred bodies of three children were recovered.

Twenty-Three Bodies Found. The dead so far as known now are: MR. AND MRS. JOHN WOODMAN. MRS. HENRY MITCHELL. MRS. THOMAS SMITH. ATTORNEY JOHN DAWSON of Lincoln, Neb., burned to death.

F. DEMOFF. EMMA DRESSENGER. D. C. JOHNSON AND WIFE. MRS. PHILIP JOHNSON AND CHILD. The wife of DR. LEE. A. W. KELLER AND WIFE. UNKNOWN WOMAN AND BABY. FIVE UNKNOWN CHILDREN. JAMES WOODYARD AND WIFE of Eldorado, Kan., who were visiting in Chandler. The following are fatally injured: Arthur Jewett. Peggie Johnson. Mrs. Emory Foster and baby. Mrs. Frank McCall. D. G. Gooding. Maggie Reeves. Andrew Asher and wife. Mrs. Cullum. Jennie Woodworth. The little daughter of James Woodyard. Among the injured are: Samuel Hightower. Deputy Marshal John McCartney. The Uiam sisters. Clerk of Court F. A. Niblack and father. George Herring. Samuel Williamson. Patrick Doolan. The son of James Woodyard.

A Night of Deep Misery. Only two buildings in the town were not damaged—the Mitchell hotel and the Rock Island store. Fully three-fourths of the structures were destroyed, causing losses placed at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The night in Chandler was one of indescribable terror. With many of its inhabitants dead or dying, and the remainder too badly injured or unable from fright or because of the darkness to render assistance no order prevailed. Rain poured down in a torrent. The injured in many cases unavailingly cried for help and lay in the wrecks of their homes till daylight made it possible for them to help themselves, or when aid from surrounding towns arrived.

The fires in many of the wrecks burned themselves out, and several were still smouldering when morning broke. The heavy rain, however, quenched many of the fires.

No Warning to the People.

The tornado struck Chandler without warning about 6 o'clock last evening, and its work of carnage began before the inhabitants realized what was upon them, and hardly any means of escape was left open. Tearing through the business district, stores were hurled right and left, lifted high into the air and tossed in every direction. The court house, in which Chief Justice Dale was holding court, was taken off its foundation and the building nearly crushed. Passing on into the residence district, the wind swept away dwelling after dwelling, and rushing into the open country finally spent itself.

The trail the storm left was one of wreck and ruin most complete. Houses rested on their tops and streets were made unrecognizable by having been piled high with debris. Then came the fires from overturned stoves, and finally the downpour of rain. With the first realization of their predicament over, the uninjured and able bodied found themselves from fright and confusion well nigh as helpless to render aid as their more unfortunate neighbors. Finally when an effort to send for outside aid was made, it was found that all communication with the outside world had been cut off, the telephone office being among the buildings destroyed. It was several hours before communication with Guthrie was secured. A brief idea of the nature of the devastation wrought, together with an appeal for aid, had been sent the neighboring city, when the wire snapped and Chandler was again cut off. In the meantime, however, a train bearing physicians and others left for the scene. The wire came up later and further appeals for aid met prompt response and additional recruiting parties were sent out as the extent of the damage became known.

Work of Rescue Prompt.

By midnight some show of systematic rescue had been perfected and the dead and dying were being released from the ruins. Improvised hospitals were erected and the unfortunatest cared for as best as was possible. At 1 o'clock twenty-one dead bodies had been taken from the ruins, while dozens more or less badly injured had

been removed to places of safety. In addition it was known that others whom it had been unable to reach or who, perhaps, had been incinerated before the deluge of rain had quenched the fire in their homes, would swell the list of fatalities.

Chandler was a town of 1,500 people. It was built on a hill in a thick timber and situated fifty miles southeast of Guthrie. It was one of the most prosperous of the territory boom towns, but was without railway facilities.

Correspondents have gone out from here by the score, but as travel to Chandler is hard and but one telephone wire connects the two points, further particulars must necessarily be slow.

Justice Dale's Narrow Escape.

When the tornado appeared Chief Justice Dale of the Oklahoma supreme court was holding court in the courthouse, which was crowded. He ran with his wife to a hollow and the two were protected by a large boulder and were unhurt. Others in the court-house did not fare so well, one being killed and a dozen injured. The structure was twisted around and hurled into the street a complete wreck.

MISSOURI IN PERIL.

Tornado Warnings Sent Out by Weather Bureau—Illinois Threatened.

CHICAGO, April 1.—According to Professor Garriot, chief of the weather bureau, Southern Illinois and the state of Missouri will have thunder storms of a very severe nature to-night. In Illinois the chances do not appear quite so dangerous, but the predictions for Missouri, and especially the southern portion of that state, are alarming. A tornado is expected in that section and danger signals have been ordered out in all towns west of St. Louis.

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GREENVILLE, Miss., April 1.—There are now four breaks on the Mississippi front, hourly pouring their devastating torrents into this fertile valley, and the entire Yazoo-Mississippi delta from Australia landing south to Vicksburg will be overflowed. Places never affected in former years will be under water in two days.

Thousands of live stock are drowning, and in some instances the fleeing people have close calls for their lives.

Thousands of food bound people were caught between the three Bolivar county breaks, and no communication can be had with them. Refugees coming into the city from the country this side of the Mound break report many families in peril on the other side of the crevasse, as there is only seven miles of country between them and Stead's, and it is next to impossible for all to escape.

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THE COMING ELECTION.

An Old Resident of the City Asks Some Pointed Questions.

Springtime has arrived and with it comes the election, and consequently the decision of the people of this beautiful western city as to what kind of government shall prevail for the next two years, either the wide-open, disreputable policy of the past two years, or a clear, economical and just dispensation, the latter of which should be the wish of every good citizen. Our legislature has, after a great deal of labor and deliberation, started the ball rolling by giving us a charter that will tend to the advancement of the reform movement of good government in the city of Lincoln. By this method the old "gang rule" or "east iron ring" can no longer wield any influence, for the whole city will have a chance to vote for the representatives at large. It behooves every law-abiding citizen of Lincoln to go to the polls on election day and cast their ballot for a just, honorable, equitable and economical government. This can only be accomplished by voting the "fusion" ticket viz: E. E. Brown for mayor, W. H. Hardy for treasurer and George Hagen-sick for clerk together with all the fusion councilmen from the several wards and last, but not least by any means, the three ladies who are nominated for the school board, viz: Mrs. Dr. Wolfe, Mrs. Marjory Eaton and Mrs. Emma Holmes. This last question, namely: the school board, is one of vital importance to every man, woman and child in the city. The question has been asked, "Why should women serve on the school board?" Who should know more about child study and the training of the tender age of childhood and youth than women?

Who knows better the aches, ills and necessities of the child than "mother"? Who is more competent to watch the development of the little brains and muscles than "mother"? And when 95 per cent of our teachers are women why should not the government be placed in the hands of women who can consult with the teachers and children as to their wants, studies and necessities infinitely better than men. Besides our men on the school board are so engrossed in business that they have no time to visit the schools, whereas women would consider it a pleasure as well as a duty to constantly visit the rooms of our public schools and superintend the health and education of our little ones.

Again, it is time that the phase of the educational board of this city should be changed and that instantly, I have in mind, more especially the "supposed" minister of the gospel, Rev. Luther P. Ludden, who is seeking re-election at the hands of the voters of this city. After the history of this man's connection with the school board for the past few years I am surprised at the effrontery of the man asking the suffrages of a thinking and honest-minded people. Does he think for a moment he can get the support of any family in the Park school district, which he treated so disdainfully a year or two ago?

Does he think he can get the support of any one who knows anything of the relief commission of this state?

Does he think he can get the support of any one who had any cognizance of the purchasing of supplies for the relief commission?

Does he think he can get the support of any of the teachers, who were compelled by his efforts to sell their warrants for less than par?

To all these I say no, emphatically no! Here are a few questions I would like the Rev. Mr. L. P. Ludden to answer truthfully if possible before he attempts to be re-elected.

1. Are you a minister of the gospel and to what denomination do you belong, and are you in charge of any parish connected therewith?

2. How many public offices have you held since being in this city?

3. How many salaries have you drawn from the public purse and how many have you been in receipt of at the same time since you became a resident of the city of Lincoln?

4. What do you know about the discounts in purchasing supplies for the relief commission and who was benefitted by the same?

5. Have you ever or are you willing to give an itemized account of all your receipts and expenditures connected with the above?

6. What do you know about the conviction to "shave" teachers' warrants, and dividing proceeds from same between yourself, others and certain Savings banks?

7. What Savings bank refused to go in on the deal with you?

8. What do you know about the representative citizens of the Park school district and the petitions signed by almost every family of that district and sent to the school board regarding the retention of Miss Morrissey on the teaching force of this city?

There are numerous other questions I would like to ask but time and space will not permit and if Mr. Ludden does not see fit to answer the above questions I can assure him that some one can speedily be secured who can answer them for him.

Now men and women of the city of Lincoln the time has come when you can exercise your prerogative of voting in a man of the above stamp and who is a typical representation of the present administration in educational affairs or three honest, pure-minded, educated women who will watch over the interests of our little ones as a mother does her child.

Who will you have? Who! Let your ballots show on election day that you are for good government and let every woman exercise her right as a citizen of the state of Nebraska and vote as every mother should for the best interests of her little ones.

A. MOTHER.

Who ran to help me when I fell, And would some pretty story tell, And kissed the place to make it well— My mother.

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GRAND EASTER OPENING.

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THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION

The House Passes the bill greatly extending Their Powers.

On Wednesday afternoon the bill enlarging and extending the powers of the board of transportation came upon third reading and was passed. The only popular ticket that voted against the bill was Stebbins of Lincoln county. Mr. Soderman of Phelps county did not vote. This is regarded as the most important anti-railroad bill before the house and considerable interest has been manifested in it by those interested. It gives the board power to enforce its demands upon railroads, to compel them to keep their stations in repair, to prevent discrimination in rates, and to protect the welfare of the people in every way. One provision requires the roads to obey the order of the board within ten days notice and that the order of the board shall be final unless reversed by the courts. This makes it necessary for the railroads if they do not wish to comply with the order of the board, take the initiative in the courts to get an order reversing the order of the board. The bill will go to the senate and probably become a law.

PROGRESS OF THE RECOUNT.

The Committee Appointed by the House and Senate at Work.

Three of the five large rooms of the office of the secretary of the state are occupied by the recount commission. There is a large force of clerks at work. The door-keeper will admit to the room any newspaper reporter or other person applying in an orderly manner. There has been no one refused admission up to this time. Everything is conducted in the most public manner possible with accurate work.

There are four sets of counters. All the ballots from one county are given to one set of counters, those from another county to another set and so on as rapidly as the counties are completed. The counters proceed by opening only one precinct at a time and completing the count of the ballots and sealing them up again before another precinct is opened. It is impossible to see how any error could occur as every precaution possible seems to have been taken by the committee. No one can tell what the result will be. Large gains are being made but to determine whether they will be sufficient to carry the amendment will require the final footings. Some of the important gains are Cherry county 850, Cassing 131, Knox 234, Cass 258, Gure 146, Deuel 163, Butler 397, Saline 195, Boyd 286, Buffalo 166, Nuckolls 113, Dawson 294, P. K. 224.

Some of the counties show very small changes, Pierce, Merrick, Clay, Dawes, Kearney, Valley, where the changes amounted to less than 100 votes. The work will probably be completed by Friday.

The Ballot Law.

At the evening session Tuesday the house took up the consideration of the amendment of the form of the Australian ballot. After considerable discussion it was decided to adopt the blanket ballot. Each party will have a column of its own with a party emblem at the head of the column and the list of candidates below. There will be a circle below the party emblem in which the voter can make one cross and vote the entire party ticket. If he desires to vote for only part of the nominees of his own party, he may make the mark in the circle at the head of the ticket and mark out the names of those for whom he does not wish to vote and make a cross mark after the name of the candidate in the other column for whom he desires to vote. The law provides for the use of indelible lead pencils instead of pen and ink, for the reason that with ink the ballots are so frequently blotted that it is impossible to determine the intent of the voter.

The Evening Session.

The house held an evening session Wednesday evening and crowded along a great deal of work. The revenue bill, providing that property should be assessed at its full cash value, and that the assessment should be made during January was defeated. The farmers objected to the assessment being made at that time of the year for the reason that their crops would all be in the crib and the products of the entire year would be subject to taxation, whereas under the present law the greater part of the crops are disposed of before the assessor completes his work. Mr. Hull thought that the assessment bill had held an income tax to be unconstitutional it would be unconstitutional to tax the farmer on the value of his farm and then levy another tax upon his products which were his only income.

The bill for the government of the penitentiary and providing for the manner of employment of the prisoners by the warden was taken up and recommended to pass. It greatly increases the powers of the warden, and will result in a great saving to the state.

The bill providing that all goods made at the penitentiary must be branded as penitentiary made, was defeated. Mr. Yeiser of Douglas made an attempt to substitute a bill providing for taxing stocks, bonds and franchises of corporations for the revenue bill that was defeated, but was unsuccessful, and the methods of taxation in this state will remain practically unchanged.

Deficiency Judgment Bills.

The house has passed house roll No. 6 and senate file No. 108, which prohibit further deficiency judgments in this state. These bills received great attention and the debate was protracted. The senate file was amended by inserting a clause that the law should not effect existing contracts. The senate will undoubtedly concur and the bills become laws.