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FLOOD AND FIRE!

Terrible Storms in Kansas Ruin Crops and Devastate Towns and Villages—150 Lives Lost.

Never, perhaps, in the history of this country has there ever been such a continuation of death-dealing storms as have swept many of the States west of the Mis-issippi river since the first of May. Snowstorms, blizzards, tornadoes and cloudbursts have followed in such rapid succession that the effect is appalling. Nearly every day one or more storms have been announced. St. Elmo, Missouri, a town of two hundred inhabitants, was struck by a tornado May 27, and eighteen persons were killed and a number seriously injured, and several buildings were demolished. In a store that was blown down there were fourteen persons and all but five were crushed to death by falling timbers. At Botna and Creston a number of buildings were blown down and several serious casualties reported; in Audubon county, same State, a farmhouse was wrecked and two children were killed and five other inmates probably fatally injured.

North Topeka, a district of 7,000 inhabitants, which was formerly a separate town and is now included in the city of Topeka, Kan., is the scene of an appalling disaster.

Floods in the Kansas river which had been menacing for several days suddenly rose at a furious rate Saturday and overwhelmed the place. A live electric wire started a fire which grew to great proportions, and combining with the other destroying agent, left the people little chance of escape.

Late at night the known dead were estimated at 150. Hundreds were missing and more thad 200 seemingly beyond the reach of rescue.

Men, women and children were drowning or burning to death. Many were on hilltops or roofs, others in trees shrieking for help. The property loss is in the millions.

Tremendous flood damage is also being done throughout Central and Eastern Kansas, Northwestern Missouri, Eastern Nebraska, Southwestern Iowa and Oklahome. The height of the waters is unpre cedented for that region.

GEORGE AND ANTI-GEORGE.

The Issue in the Democratic Party in Queen Anne's.

The democratic state central committee for Queen Anne's county at a meeting Friday selected Saturday, June 13, for holding the primary election for that county.

That county is composed of seven election districts, which will each elect five delegates on the 13th to meet in nominating convention on Tuesday, June 16, at Centreville.

In three of the seven districts of the county there will be no contest, but in the other four a heavy fight is on. The battleground will be in the Second, or Church Hill; Third, or Centreville; Fourth, or Kent Island, and Seventh, or Crumpton. The ground for disaffection seems to be opposition to the present management, where it is claimed that the one man power is too plainly shown. John E. George, chairman of the state central committee, is the man aimed at, and the fight is styled George and anti-George. State Senator James E. Kirwan is a candidate for reelection on the regular, or George, ticket, and W. J. Price, Jr., editor of the Centreville Observer, and Charles W. Clements, of Crumpton, are anti-George candidates before the primaries.

Modern Parsing.—It was at the Woman's College and a wise young lady was asked to parse "lie" in the sentence "The man told a lie to his wife." "Lie," said the young woman, "is a noun. Most deplorably common. Common gender—since both sexes are usually devoted to it; third person—although that must not be understood to mean that this was only the third person who ever lied to his wife; usual case, and agrees with the other lies he has told in connection with his late home coming; otherwise it may be a divorce case." "Very good," said the teacher; "but you have omitted the number." "Lies of that sort are numberless," replied the wise young woman. "I only know it isn't at all singular." When it came to the parsing of the word "wife" another young woman got wise and said: "Wife is a noun, substantive, and stands for a great deal more than she ought to; common noun, though the husband doesn't realize it until they're been married quite a while; feminine gender, with a vengeance; third person, though no doubt the man had told her she was the first person he ever loved or kissed; singular number, otherwise the case would have to be bigamy. Agrees with her mother, but seldom with her husband." And the grammar class was dismissed.

A BULL DASHES INTO BARBER SHOP

Close Shave for the Panic-stricken Occupants—Lively Time in Philadelphia.

The proverbial "bull in a china shop" never created more excitement than did a bull that last night entered and took possession of the barber shop of B. Scheifman, 709 South Fourth street. For 15 minutes the beast which plunged into the shop through a rear entrance after being chased for seven blocks, held undisputed sway and put to route Scheifman and his assistants.

One of a dozen customers who were waiting their turn to be shaved had his leg broken by the furious animal, and the furniture and mirrors of the little room were demolished.

It was about 9.30 o'clock that the bull made his appearance on South Fourth street. He had escaped from a herd on Delaware avenue, and started on a mad race up Bainbridge street, followed by a mob of yelling men and boys which soon numbered several hundred.

Rounding into Fourth street the animal, dashed for an open doorway on the steps of which were sitting Joseph Mandel and his wife and children. The doorway leads to an entry which separates Mandel's house from Scheifman's barbershop, and which leads into the barbershop at the rear.

With head lowered the bull made straight for the entry, and the crowd on the steps cascaded off in all directions to escape the plunging horns. Down the entry rushed the beast, and turning to the right, sprang through the doorway into the barbershop.

In all there were 15 men in the room. Two were in chairs, their faces covered with lather. The one nearest the bull's point of entrance was just dozing off into peaceful dreams.

Then there was a yell of terror from every man in the room, followed by a wild scramble for the front door. To the horror of all this was found to be locked. It was a union barbershop and closes at 8.45 o'clock. Scheifman had just before fastened the door to admit no more customers. And now in the confusion he could not find the key.

After destroying the chairs and other property the bull butted the door furiously. Policemen and the crowd outside broke in the door and the beast rushed out, upsetting a score of people in its frantic efforts to reach the street. Another wild chase followed. Finally the bull fell exhausted.

PLANS for the new retail store that is to be erected for John Wanamaker in New York on the block just south of his present stores have been submitted to the Building Department by the architects.

The plans show that the structure will be 14 stories in height, rising 217½ feet above the curb level, fronting on Broadway 188 feet 2¾ inches; 1.877 feet 10 inches on Forth avenue, 337½ feet on Ninth street and 339 feet on Eight street.

On the second floor there will be a large music hall for the entertainment of visitors. The facades will be Bedford stone for the first three stories and ornamental terra cotta for the 11 upper stories, and there will be exterior fire escapes of ornamental iron. The building is to cost $3,100,000. The new store in Philadelphia is now under construction.

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The Law Allows no Delay.

Extract from Chapter 211. Section 68, Code Public Local Laws of 1892, says:

All tax bills unpaid on the first of April in each year shall be placed in the hands of the Sheriff of the county, who shall forthwith proceed to seize, levy upon, advertise and sell the property of such delinquents, or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said taxes, interest, charges and cost of sale, and for this purpose the said Sheriff is hereby clothed with all the powers possessed by collectors of taxes under the Code of Public General Laws; and the Sheriff shall report and pay over to the Treasurer before the First Day of June in each year all the taxes collected by him.

☞Don't wait for me to levy on your property and advertise it, but make prompt settlement and avoid extra costs. *I shall not give any further notice, but will be forced to obey the law.*

my36. THOS. J. FLETCHER, SHERIFF.

Time For All Things

TRUE ENOUGH, "we are all creatures of circumstances."

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