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## BURNING STATES.

Over \$2,000,000 Worth of property Already Destroyed, and the End Has not Yet been Reached.

Towns and Villages Reduced to Ashes, Cattle Destroyed by Hundreds, and Large Numbers of people homeless

### MILES OF FIRE.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., April 4.—During the last two days South Dakota and Minnesota have been swept by a series of wind storms which have caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to property and several lives have been lost. The storm started Monday night and swept over a large area south of the Northern Pacific road, in Dakota, and extended in the southern tiers of counties. The greatest damage has not been caused by the wind alone but in many places fires fanned into fury by the storms have

WIPED OUT OF EXISTANCE several small villages and hundreds of farmers' houses. The towns almost completely destroyed are Volin, Olivet, Puckwara, Lesterville and Mount Vernon, and three or four other villages badly damaged. At Volin every house in the place except three is demolished, and 100 people are without homes. Lesterville was flattened to the ground, and twenty families are without a roof.

A terrible gale of wind struck Mount Vernon and a fire started from a small house that was blown over last night. No human power could stop the flames, and in an hour the business portion of the place was one great raging fire. Nearly 200 families are homeless, and the loss will foot up \$200,000. It is reported that several persons

LOST THEIR LIVES in the fire but no confirmation has yet been received. Four large elevators and the Milwaukee depot were destroyed.

Near Blunt one man lost 500 head of sheep, which were caught in a prairie fire. Several head of horses were saved by swimming the river. In many places the crops were covered by the loose sand and dust and will have to be replanted. Travel was suspended on some line of road, so great was the force of the wind. The clouds of dust prevented the engineers from seeing the track.

A report from Gray says the sun was almost totally obscured, and the superstitious thought

### THE END OF THE WORLD

had come. Farm houses and cattle were burned to death by scores. Near Millbank fifty head of stock are reported lost, and the fire has swept over twenty miles of country causing immense loss. The storm has abated somewhat, but the wind is yet heavy enough to keep fires burning fiercely and further heavy losses are almost certain. The damage in Minnesota is much less than in Dakota as the force of the storm was pretty well spent before it reached the boundary.

A dispatch from Yankton, Dak., says: The records of the signal office show that during the prevalence of the fires in this region the humidity was 7 per cent, a condition of dryness. Segeant Oswell says never before attained in this region. The maximum humidity is 100, the mean annual humidity here seventy. This shows that the atmosphere was almost devoid of moisture. The velocity of the wind was forty six miles an hour. The losses in South Dakota will foot up \$2,000,000 at a low calculation.

### An Awful Rush and Roar.

Mitchell, Dak., April 4.—Nobody but a man who has stood before the prairie fire and tried to stop its awful rush and roar when it is fanned by fresh wind can appreciate its almost resistless force. The fires that have brought so much loss and suffering to Southeastern Dakota in the last few days were practically irresistible. The flames in some instances leaped 100 feet off on plowed ground and rushed away again on their career of destruction. All ordinary precautions were taken, but the grass had been very dry and the top of the ground had been dusty or caked. The signal observer at Yankton says the humidity of the air was but 7 per cent. on Tuesday, a condition of dryness never before attained. As the mean annual humidity is 70 this shows that the atmosphere was practically devoid of moisture. Then the wind from the northeast blew between forty and fifty miles an hour, fanning the flames into fury. Under these conditions wherever the fire touched grass it burst out with flames almost like powder, and shot away across the prairie like an arrow, its course widening. To extinguish it by water of course was out of the question. Plowing fire breaks was slow work, and high winds often drove flames across them.

### Burning Logs in the Air.

Blount, Dak., April 4.—Stories of the fury of the fire continue to be Blount into town by stragglers. They say that the wind would gather loose timber and hurling it high into the air carry it ahead of the surface fire alighting on barns and houses and igniting the prairie fifty yards in advance of the surface fire.

### A Picture of Gloom.

Aberdeen, Dak., April 4.—A terrible story of the complete destruction of Leoto, county seat of McPherson county, has been brought in by a courier. Leoto was a fine little town of 300 inhabitants and the country for miles around was well settled with an industrious and thrifty people. It is twenty-five miles from the railroad and telegraph facilities, and it is difficult to get complete information. Out of thirty places of business, includ-

ing two banks, two newspapers, two churches, three or four hotels and all lines of business, but four are left standing, and out of from thirty to forty residences less than a dozen remained. The loss is practically complete and will reach \$150,000. Insurance was very light. C. W. Old and Thomas Wardell were terribly burned and couriers say they cannot live. Parties who drove across the country to Westport, the nearest railway station, say the burned country is nearly devastated. Hundreds of farm houses are in ashes and the carcasses of burned stock are lying along the road. News continues to come in slowly and shows details of a great disaster.

### A Hurricane of Fire.

Yankton, D. T., April 4.—Stories of terrible losses by hurricanes of fire that swept over the country north of here continue to come in. Columbus might be written of the horrors of the last few days and the heroic struggles to save the homes and property that farmers have worked so hard to secure. Volin village has only three buildings standing. Olivet, Hutchinson county, was burned. Pukwana was wiped out. The losses in Yankton county are: M. M. Jolin, R. R. Anderson, F. F. Ott, Mr. Stockwell, R. Pringle, David Parley, James Hoxing, John Hundershot, Leroy Jenks, M. Holbrook, E. S. Volin, A. P. Volin, Joseph Brockmeir, Henry Rake, Charles Stencil, William Randall and S. M. Howe.

### The Charms of an Editor's Life.

One of the beauties and charms of an editor's life is in his dead-heading it on all occasions. No one who has never tasted the sweets of that bliss can begin to take in his glory and happiness. He does \$100 worth of advertising for a railroad company, gets a "pass" for a year, rides \$25, and then he is looked upon as a dead-head, or a half-blown dead-beat. He "puffs" a concert troupe \$10 worth, and gets \$1 in "complimentaries," and is thus passed "free." If the hall is crowded he is begrudged the room he occupies, for his complimentaries were paying tickets the troupe would be so much more in pocket. He blows and puffs a church festival free to any desired extent, and does the pastor's printing at half rates, and merely gets a "thank you" for it. He goes as an editor. He does more work gratuitously for the town and community than all the rest of the population put together, and gets curses for it all, while in many instances where a man donates a few dollars for the Fourth of July a base-ball club or a church he is gratefully remembered. He passes "free," you know.—[Albany News.

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**NORTHERN** capitol is coming west to seek investment.

**GRASS** is good and stock of all kinds are becoming fat.

**COME** west young man, and grow up with the future great country.

**TEN** years from to-day Haskell will be the center of western development.

**LAND** men - think land will enhance 33 1/2 per cent within the next year in this county.

**THE** county is indeed enjoying a season of prosperity. The prospect for a large small grain crop is as good as last year.

**A** Law has passed the legislature fixing the price of the supreme and court of appeals reports at \$2.00 per volume.

**THE** FREE PRESS has secured the services of a good correspondent at Rayner, and our readers may expect to hear from that city occasionally.

**LAND** owners, do you not feel under obligations for what the FREE PRESS has done toward letting the world know what your good lands is worth?

**WE** find that some of our subscribers are disposed to dispute their accounts when they are allowed to run too long, so we have adopted the rule of requiring you to pay up once a year.

**THE** silo has come to stay, and its universal adoption in the Southwest is inevitable. Texas Farm and Ranch (Dallas Tex.) of April 15 will contain several interesting articles on this subject.

**THAT** silos can be cheaply constructed in this country, is amply shown by several illustrated articles in Texas Farm and Ranch (Dallas, Tex.) of April 15 by Prof. F. A. Gullely, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and others who have successively used ensilage.

**THE** law passed by the legislature prohibiting trusts, fixing a maximum fine of \$5000 and imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than ten years, or by either such fine or imprisonment; each day during the violation of the act to constitute a separate offense.

**ANSON** has incorporated and levied a school tax that will give the people a ten months' school. Haskell will have to do something in the school matter or she will be left behind by her thrifty sister. It is true Anson is some older than Haskell, but we have got just as fine a territory as she has, and with proper enterprise we can grow to be a great city.

**THE** christian people will do a good work if they will turn their attention to building up a good church choir. The moralizing effect of a beautiful religious song well rendered can hardly be over estimated. It seems to appeal direct to the noble sentiments of man, and if anything will inspire one to virtue, it is an understanding of the virtuous and moral poets.

### Notice

Notice is hereby given that in future all trespassing and cutting of timber or posts on the lands of D. Jamison, in Haskell and Stone-wall counties is forbidden and will be prosecuted according to law. \$30 ft.

### Letter From Rayner.

**EDITOR FREE PRESS:**—Thinking that a few dots from this place might be of interest to you and some of your many readers, I have concluded to pen you a few squibbles.

—Health of this community is excellent.

—Rayner is on a genuine boom.

—Our fine Clerk's office is nearing completion.

—Dr. J. M. Moor, Herbert Posey, J. L. Dewees, and Capt. W. E. Rayner have lumber here and on the road for the erection of nice cottages.

—Mr. Robertson, of Baird, has his lumber on the road for this place to erect a large store, and will open up a large assortment of general merchandise. Several others are coming with the same intention. There is no better field in Texas we know of, and no town needs same worse, so come on gentlemen, you will be met by a hearty welcome.

—Prospectors for the last month have been teeming into the town and county, and all express themselves highly pleased, and several have bought.

—Rayner now has church services twice a month, and the inhabitants are speaking of organizing a Sunday school.

—A \$800.00 school house will be erected this summer.

—The voters will vote on a 20 cent. additional school tax the 20th of this month.

—We have a flourishing literary society here which has some excellent talent. Will L. Sargent, president, F. O. Akin vice president, W. W. Cook secretary, Jake Rath, treasurer, and Mr. Kelley Sargent at arms; meet every Friday night.

—Capt. W. E. Rayner, accompanied by his beautiful and accomplished bride, passed through town on his way to the Call Bar ranch Sunday.

—Eugene Bumpass, of Anson, is among us now improving his land near this place.

—Will L. Sargent, of Rockwall, is now among us.

—Our people are rejoicing over the prospects for a railroad through the county. I notice in the last issue of your paper that Mr. Nat Taylor, the advance agent of the Dallas and Northwestern road, had visited Haskell, and had come out to look at the Double Mountain river on the eastern side of this county. We feel certain that Throckmorton and Haskell will get the road, and if so our chances are equally as good.

—We understand that the land immediately surrounding Rayner, some 40,000 acres, will be at once put upon the market for actual settlers in 160 acre blocks, on such terms as will enable poor men to purchase. This news is very gratifying to our people as it will give the town a genuine boom.

—We need a first-class hotel and livery stable, and the first one that gets here will reap the benefits.

### CORRESPONDENT.

#### An Ague Cure.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease, chills and fever, and vainly trying every known remedy, has at last found a "malarial antidote" which completely cured him and saved his life. Any person suffering with this dreadful disease can be eventually cured by sending 50 cents for one bottle of this wonderful cure. Address, HENRY ROBINSON, San Antonio, N. M.

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HASKELL TEXAS.

#### Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

By authority of a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Dallas Pacific & South Eastern Railway Company, on the 21st day of Feb'y, 1889, a special meeting of the stockholders of said Railway Company is hereby called to meet and to be held at the office of said Railway Company, Nos. 609 and 611 Main Street, in the City of Dallas, county of Dallas and State of Texas, on the 4th day of April 1889 at 10 O'clock A. M. for the purpose of determining the amount of loan necessary and which may be negotiated by said company for the construction and equipment of said Railway, and to fix the rate of interest to be paid on such loan or loans as may be negotiated for the purposes aforesaid, and to provide for the security of such loans as may be authorized.

J. E. HENDERSON.

Attest J. P. Murphy, President.

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J. E. HENDERSON.

Attest J. P. Murphy, President.

(No. 2.) Secretary

#### ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO KILL.

A Young Man Charged with Trying to Shoot His Sweetheart.

Bouham, Tex., April 5.—For some weeks past a young man named Jim Casselman, living several miles southeast of Dodd City, this county, has been paying assiduous attention to a young lady of that community. The suit went well with the fair one, but upon the consent of her parents depended the marriage. This was refused, and the young lady declined matrimony at the cost of paternal displeasure. Things, however, quieted down until a few evenings since, when Casselman took his sweetheart riding, demanding that she run off with him and marry according to the laws of the Indian territory. She again refused, when Casselman, it is said, drew a 22-caliber pistol, and threatened to shoot her. Persisting in her refusal, Casselman, enraged with disappointment and jealousy, snapped his little fly-killer pistol three times in her face. At the fourth effort to fire it she ran, when it exploded, missing her. Casselman threatened again to kill her. It is charged, if she informed on him. He then left the neighborhood, but returned in a few days. This frightened the young lady, who, fearing he had returned to kill her, informed her parents, who got out papers for his arrest. Officers attempted his capture, but he led them a merry dance, escaping their clutches. However, Deputy Alesher, of Ladonia, secured the

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We clip the following from one of our exchanges, and our skillful printer has set it in verse.

Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow; It strayed away one summer day Where lambs should never go.

THE OKLAHOMA PROBLEM.

The rush to Oklahoma could be no longer delayed. The boomers were in the county and still increasing. It would have been the stupidity less than the refinement of cruelty to drive them out and keep them out.

A CHICAGO DIVORCE.

Fraudulent Methods That Cost a Chicago Lawyer Liberty and Wealth.

Chicago, Ill., April 4.—The attorneys for Mrs. Martha Murphey of New York have unearthed an alleged fraudulent divorce which her deceased husband William Murphey secured from her in Chicago, May 11, 1888.

THE DEADLY SHOTGUN.

Two Neighbors Quarrel Over a Line Fence and One is Killed.

COVINGTON, TENN., April 4.—Details of a homicide which occurred near Burleson yesterday, have just been received. Mr. D. S. Billings and A. J. S. Yarbro were neighbors and owned adjoining lands.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed eminent.

The Verdict Unanimous.

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A Boy Murderer.

Charleston, W. Va., April 4.—Yesterday afternoon Edward Spriggle, engineer of the Pierceer coal company locomotive, put a boy named Washington off the train.

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