

Details of a Terrible Fatal Water-spout in Kansas.

MEDICINE LODGE, Ks., April 22.—A water-spout or cloud-burst, 5 to 12 feet high, rolled down the Medicine river yesterday and over the low lands east, carrying death in its wake. Several whole families are known to be drowned. Rescuing parties found men, women and children clinging to trees, with nothing but night clothes to protect them, and some without any clothing whatever. Three attempts were made to rescue parties beyond the river, but each boat in turn was swamped. Five bodies have been recovered. James Gibb's daughter and niece were washed away with their homes. Mrs. Morris and daughter, aged 11 years, were found drowned. G. H. Paddock, wife and four children are thought to be drowned. Frank Shippels put his wife and child on his roof; as his house went down he was knocked off by a projecting limb and swam ashore several miles below. The fate of his wife and child is unknown. The water-spout was similar to the flood reported in the Ninescah River last night. Additional particulars state that early on Tuesday morning the flood came down the streams, quickly overflowing the bottom lands 10 feet. A dozen houses were entirely destroyed and many of the occupants drowned or saved only by clinging to the branches of trees. In camps in the bottoms were 10 or 15 emigrant wagons filled with families; only half of these have been found. North of here entire families were drowned; others had marvellous escapes. Yesterday and to-night the streams were so high that no communication could be had with the East. A life-saving party was out all night picking up unfortunates. Hundreds of cattle were drowned. Many crops are ruined. Hundreds of dead animals also line the banks of Elm Creek. Four wagons containing "Movers" have not been heard from and it is thought all the occupants perished.

Where the Dynamite Comes From.

The Rhenish dynamite company which has factories in Cologne and other German cities produces over 2500 tons of dynamite annually. In Great Britain and Ireland three factories turn out about 2000 tons of the explosive annually, and smaller concerns in England, France, Germany, Italy and Spain produce nearly 2000 tons more. A ton of dynamite in Europe is worth about \$650, although at one time during the past year the price reached as low a notch as \$330. The manufacture of the explosive is controlled by a strong commercial association whose members regulate the price to suit themselves. Since the recent explosions in London the dynamite kings have seen fit to increase the price of their output from \$500 to \$650 per ton. Most of the dynamite used in this country is imported from England and Germany.

Face of The Camel.

As a matter of fact, and in spite of its having carried Mahomet in four leaps from Jerusalem to Mecca, seven miles an hour is the camel's pace; nor can it maintain this rate over two hours. Its usual speed is about five miles an hour—a slow pace, beyond which it is dangerous to urge, them lest, as Asiatics say, they might break their hearts and die literally on the spot. When a camel is pressed beyond this speed, and is spent, it kneels down, and not all the wolves in Asia will make it budge again. The camel remains where it kneels, and where it kneels it dies. A fire under its nose is useless.

Fortune Telling.

In Sweden young girls place under three separate cups, a ring, a coin and a piece of black ribbon. If the ring is first accidentally exposed she will be married within a year; if the money, she will get a rich husband; if the ribbon, she will die an old maid. It is a favorite amusement among the young girls in Russia to conceal their finger rings in small heaps of corn on the floor. A hen is brought in, which at once begins to peck at tiny heaps of grain. The owner of the first ring exposed to view will, according to popular belief, be married before her companions in the experiment.

Testing Explosives.

Experiments with gelatine dynamite have shed a curious light on the expansion of explosives. The test is made by enclosing the compound in a cavity of lead whose walls are very thick, capable of uniform attenuation, but resist rupture until the last limit of tenacity is exhausted. By exploding thirty grammes of No. 1 gelatine dynamite in a cavity whose capacity was fifteen cubic centimetres the space was enlarged to 1330 cubic centimetres—nearly in the ratio of 1 to 90.

Heavy Snow Storm.

A despatch of the 23rd inst., from Denver says:—The heaviest snow storm ever known in this section, set in at 9 o'clock last night and lasted without interruption until 5 this evening. Fully 20 inches of snow fell, as much as the aggregate of previous falls of the whole winter.

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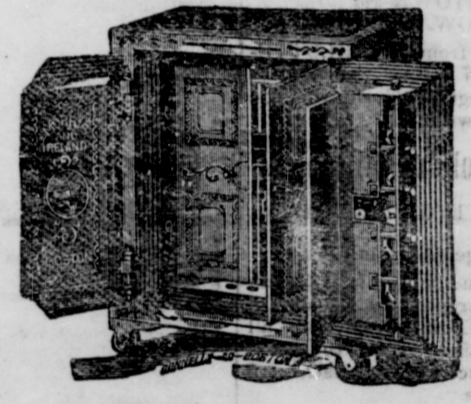
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