

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

**The First to Fall in Conway
Since January 1904.**

THE HEAVIEST EVER KNOWN

With the Thermometer up in the Seventies Last Saturday, the People of Conway Awoke on Sunday Morning With the Temperature Below the Freezing Point and Sleet and Snow Falling From Dark and Lowering Clouds. Business Generally Interrupted and All Trains Delayed.

When early risers, last Saturday morning came out they found a stiff north wind blowing, and with it snow and sleet, the first that this section of the country had for a length of time. By the time that the sun would have come up clear and bright, had it not been for the thick clouds, the ground was well covered with the white flakes, and the snow continued to fall throughout the day filling up all the holes and crevices with its drift.

To most of those who went out in it, the day was very enjoyable though somewhat cold and raw, for many of the young people took delight in making and throwing snow balls, and laughing at those who happened to slip on the slippery pavements. The wind at times during the day blew strongly from the north driving the snow and sleet before it. The trains missed connection on account of the snow, and readers of the Columbia and Charleston papers, were disappointed. The afternoon passenger train from Chadbourn came in on time, or very nearly on the schedule time, and went out at the usual hour, after stalling several times along Main Street, owing to the slippery rails, and the snow which covered the track. The sky was dark and stormy throughout the day.

Notwithstanding the snow and sleet, there were some visitors from the country on business, and some came in on the trains. As a whole it was very dull at the stores and business places throughout the day.

The night train on Saturday night did not arrive in Conway until something after 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, and as the trains on the main line failed to make their regular schedules, this late train failed to bring the usual amount of mail and newspapers. On Sunday morning, the tracts along Main Street, which is up grade for trains going out, were in such conditions the regular passenger train schedule to leave at 4:45 o'clock, did not get out of town on its way to Chadbourn until nearly 11 o'clock, and then only by the aid of an extra locomotive engine under engineer Baldwin. On Sunday evening the passenger train came in about on time, bringing with it Saturday's issue of the leading State dailies and other delayed mail.

There were showers of rain through the day Sunday. If this had been a warm rain, the snow would no doubt have been melted by it, but it was a cold rain, and it froze just as fast as it fell. Sunday night and Monday morning the clouds were still dark and gloomy, threatening more snow and ice. Very little, if any, of the snow fall had been melted and the ground on Monday morning was still covered with its mantle of white. Business was practically at a standstill, and the visitors from out of town on Monday were very few.

The snow remained on the ground hard frozen throughout Tuesday, and is still here as we go to press on Wednesday. All of the lumber mills were shut down as a result of the freeze and all out door work generally suspended, and there is no telling just when operations will be able to go ahead again as it is still cold and frozen. The sidewalks in the business portion of the town were cleared of snow Monday by individuals owning property on the street, and by a force employed by the town. Many people in the town were out of wood and otherwise suffering from the cold. There were many falls by pedestrians by slipping on the ice, but no serious accident has been reported.