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Dear TSLAFriends,

I love reading old newspapers, and am often drawn to these periodicals to review how things might have been covered in the past. With the broad collection of newspapers held by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/newspapers-microfilm-tennessee-state-library-and-archives>) I often get wrapped up in the stories of the past. Let's look at few news stories related to the recent total eclipse and the flooding in the area.



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River, ca. 1860- 1865,
Photographer: Mathew
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Office of the Chief Signal
Officer, 1860 - 1985 -
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Found on page three of The Rugby Gazette and East Tennessee "The Rugbeian", Saturday, September 23rd, 1882: Tennessee News - There is a new post office in Lawrence county, called Moon, and the postmaster is named Luna. The Cumberland Association of Baptists celebrated its twelfth annual session at Clarksville, Montgomery county, last Saturday. An Advent congregation at Philipsburg, Tenn., has voted unanimously that the world will come to an end next October. Among the many efficacious and remedial agents are the

medical preparations from the laboratory of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, Lynn Mass. At Jackson, Madison county, on Tuesday, a couple were married at the Methodist Church, who possessed 200 marriage insurance policies. There was a great and unexpected rise in the Pigeon river at Sevierville, on the 11th inst., flooding thousands of corn fields, sweeping fences away, and doing much small damage.

Another article taken from the Memphis Daily Appeal, Saturday June 9, 1877: A Perfect Deluge. The Greatest Rain Ever Known in Memphis. The rain which commenced falling Thursday night has not abated up to the present writing, Saturday morning. From two o'clock Friday morning up to nine o'clock the rain fell almost incessantly, being accompanied by strong wind. After daylight the rain was equally as heavy, flooding the streets and gulleys and deterring people from the streets. Such a rain-storm surprises the memory of the "oldest inhabitant," and it is feared that much damage may result. All of the streams are swollen, and countless the flat country along the creeks and small branches will be overflowed. Yesterday afternoon the rain ceased, but about ten o'clock at night began to fall in equally as large quantities as during the day. The Bayou Gayoso was changed into a raging torrent, whirling and seething in its maddening course toward the river. It is reported that a portion of Gallina's saloon on Beale street was damaged by the caving in of the bayou bank, the waters of which, at several bridges, especially Jefferson street, were backup up into premises. Building No 29 Alabama Street looked like it was ready to fall down, and is a terror to the neighbors, as it foundation is being washed out.

Nearby: Up the Raging Forked-Deer, Dyersburg, Tenn. The scriptures tell us that after the flood, "Noah became a husbandman, and planted a vineyard, and drank of the wine, and was drunken." Assimilating his feelings to my own, and the rest of the Forked-Deer marines, and I can understand why he so much rejoiced over the decline in the waters as to allow himself to swallow that last glass, and get on a spree. He had had too much water. He had had a surfeit of water. He didn't need any leadsman on his craft. If he had had one, he would never have heard the discouraging and discordant sound issuing from the leadsman's "beef-hider" of "two and a half feet," "two feet," and "two feet scant." No; his deck hand would have called out about seven thousand fathoms, and Captain Noah could make good time on that water with his floating menagerie. Well, if we up Forded-Deer

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become husbandmen, and plant vineyards and drink wine, etc., etc., it won't be because we have had, or now have, too much water, but, on the contrary, because we haven't any at all worth speaking of, and can't turn a wheel until we get it. I expected the gallant Alf Stevens would be breasting the turbid waters of the Mississippi tonight on her way to St. Louis with a cargo of lumber, to be returned in the shape of packing boxes and rocking chairs; instead of which she is resting as calmly and quietly as a "setting hen," in front of the hospitable residence of William Armstrong, Esq., about four miles and a half from Dyersburg, and the water has fallen so much since she got in here that she cannot advance or recede from her present position. As hundred yards, until there is a rise of a foot and a half... However, we had a four-inch rise today out of a one-inch thunderstorm, and the prospects are good tonight for more rain. I am writing this late at night by the dim light of a lamp, and I cannot help reflecting severely upon the conduct of the old mariner I mentioned in the beginning of my letter, Captain Noah, for entailing on his descendants such a rabid species of fowls as the Forked Deer mosquitos, I have captured one alive, and tried to put him in a pint flask (the only weapon I have on board) but I can't get him in , and so give it up, as I do this letter, with best regards to all. Your friend, A.L. Cummins

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The Yellow Fever Epidemic in Tennessee by Heather Adkins

<http://tslablog.blogspot.com/2016/08/the-yellow-fever-epidemic-in-tennessee.html>

From the Tennessee Supreme Court Case Files: Leisure boats and the Lumber Industry on the Wolf River (1917) by Kim Wires

<http://tslablog.blogspot.com/2015/03/from-tennessee-supreme-court-case-files.html>

J. Mark Lowe,

President, TSLAFriends