ing, the Northern Central, the Lehigh Val- ried with the stable into the Lehigh river ley, the New Jersey Central and other rallroads. Bridges have been carried away and traffic is at a standstill. Delegates to no idea when they will be able to leave.

#### Patalities at Bridges.

The force of water weakened the supports of a bridge spanning a creek near Williamsport and as a result a freight train was wrocked and three men were killed. At Onelda, near Hazelton, a miner was swept from a bridge and drowned.

In the Schuylkill valley forty-eight miles were flooded and in the Lehigh and Wyoming valleys the destruction was equally as great. It will be weeks before operations the canal and the adjoining tracks on both can be resumed. In some sections the dwellings and the town of Westmore, near to suspend traffic. Not since 1841 has the Wilkesharre is submerged. Many of the backwater from the river wrought such residents have left their homes in boats, serious damage. The canal bank bosses Bimilar conditions exist along the Juniata

The flood was rendered more disastrous by the melting of the snow on the mountain sides.

#### Ten Inches of Rain in a Day. The storm broke with great severity

yesterday, after the rain had been falling incessantly for several days. In Pottsville and other places in Schuylkill county ten inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours.

#### LIVES LOST IN WILLIAMSPORT Bridge Weakened by Storm Gives Way Under a Fast Pennsylvanta Freight.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 15 .- A freight train on the Philadelphia and Eric division of the Pennsylvania railway went through the bridge spanning Lycoming creek, between this city and Newberry, at 6 o'clock this morning. Three lives were lost.

The dead: JOHN MARTZ, engineer. FREDERICK GLASS, fireman. GEORGE HARLEY, brakeman.

All are residents of Sunbury. The train was known as fast freight No 83 and was running three hours late, owing to the disarrangement of schedule in consequence of the storm. The bridge spanning the creek was a two-span iron structure, the first span of which gave way beneath the train. The engine and nine cars were engulfed in the icy water. The creek was greatly swollen as a result of the heavy rains and it is presumed the middle pier had been weakened. No efforts could be made to reach the bodies on account of the height of the water.

All the streams in this section were greatly swollen, the Susquehana river at this point reaching a height of twenty-one feet, which did no damage in the city beyoud flooding a few cellars on the lowlands. A few stray logs on the river were carried away. Lycoming and Loyalsock creeks were both high and the Northern Central tracks along the first named stream were badly washed out in places and bridges were damaged. At Raiston a passenger train had to be abandoned and the passengers sought high ground to escape the

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad bridge at Montoursville was so weakened that traffic had to be suspended.

During the twenty-four hours ending a 12 o'clock last night the rainfall was three

# PITTSBURG'S WHIRLING RIVERS

Three Mad Streams Tear Fleets from Moorings and Threaten Great Destruction.

weather bureau announces that the cold of dollars' damage has already been done wave will prevent the streams from reach- to the big industries at West Easton. ing thirty feet, but considerable damage the inability of shippers and river men to tie craft securely before the worst of the rise arrived.

In the Allegheny river at 9 o'clock the water indicator showed twenty-five feet seven inches and the river was rising. the Monongahela the reading on the gauge was tweny-six feet seven inches. At Davis Island dam twenty-one feet six inches and rising seven inches an hour was reported. At Brownsville twenty-eight feet and ris-

ing is reported, while at points up the Ailegheny the stream is rising. One of the incidents of the flood occurred at 9 o'clock tonight when seventy-five coal barges of the Monongabela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, which were tied up at Brown's Landing between Pittsburg and Davis island dam, broke loose and were whirled away by the swift current. As quickly as possible towboats were sent after the craft.

According to the operator at Davis island dam the pieces passed there shortly after 9 o'clock. There is considerable alarm in river circles over the accidents. If the boats are not rounded up by the towboats and towed ashore they will be torn to pieces and block the channel, which will result in a big loss to the river coal combine. At this writing several of the barges have

been rounded up by boats tied up below, but the majority of them are still racing slong with the current.

### ALLENTOWN WET AND DARK Most Destructive Overflow Known in

that Section Since 1862. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15 .- The most

destructive flood in the Lebigh valley since 1863 started this morning at 3 o'clock, following a two days' drenching rain, which melted the snow in the mountains, causing the Lehigh river to become a raging torrent. The Traction company's power houses are flooded with seven feet of water, which drowned fires under the botters. No trolley care have been run since 6 a. m., and Allentown is in darkness.

The Adelaide silk mills sustained a loss of \$40,000 by flood. Eight feet of muddy water is on the first floor, completely covering the warping and finding machines and ruining all the silk on the machines. The American Steel and Wire company's wire and nail plants are under water and thousands of dollars of damage is done there. All other plants along the stream suffered damage from flooded basements and first floors, damaging the stocks and

machines. Communication by wire is completely cut off. No loss of life is reported. There are many washouts along the railroads. Superintendent Wentz of the Central Railroad of New Jersey is stalled in his private car somewhere north of Allentown. Locktender William Huffert's house and stable near Allentown were swept away. The family escaped, but two horses were car-

# Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties and your billousness, beadache and constipation be cured if you take

**Hood's Pills** 

and drowned.

The county bridge over the Lehigh rive here was badly damaged by the flood. One the convention of the American Federation pier is crumbling, due to the pounding | Heavy Damage in Every Section Caused by of Labor are stormbound at Scranton, with of a canal boat that was washed from its moorings. The water began subsiding this afternoon and is slowly receding tonight.

> TWO RAILROADS STOP TRAFFIC Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Are Victims of Greatest Freshet Since 1841.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 15 .- In six hours this morning the Lehigh river overflowed sides. Both the Lehigh Valley and the water has reached the second stories of New Jersey Central railroads were forced say the damage to the canal will reach river, farmers being compelled to abandon \$30,000, while 200 private residences in the flooded districts suffered to the extent of \$50,000. Both the electric and gas companies are without power and the churches

were compelled to suspend services tonight. Although many head of live stock have perished, no loss of human life is known hereabouts. The Lehigh river was seventeen feet above low water mark here before the people realized their danger, hence the severe loss to personal property.

#### JUNIATA VALLEY IS AFLOAT Farmers Along Streams Suffer In calculable Damage to Grain

and Ren! Estate.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 15 .- Yesterday's excessive rainfall has precipitated a de structive flood throughout the Juniata valley and through the low lying country traversed by the Raystown branch. The line of the stream has become obliterated in many places by the overflow. Today the the Raystown branch much higher.

The farmers along these streams have sustained an incalculable loss to fences, growing grain and other property. Many farmers were forced last night to abandon their homes temporarily. The public roads to the south and east

of Huntingdon are inpassible.

#### HIGHEST SINCE JOHNSTOWN Streams Around Bedford Submerge Pennsylvania Railroad and

Electric Power System.

BEDFORD, Pa., Dec. 15 .- One of the heavin torrents and a gale shook the buildings. The Raystown branch reached its highest point since the Johnstown flood. It overflowed the tracks of the Bedford division of the Pennsylvania railroad flooded one or two houses in the western end of town and rushed through the powerhouse of the Bedford Electric Light, Heat

damage. Last night a train was delayed nearly two trestle at Lybarger Farm was washed away.

#### INDUSTRIES SUBMERGED BIG Delaware and Lehigh Rivers De Heavy Damage in Easton,

Pennsylvania.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 15 .- The freshet in serious damage all through this section. Railroad traffic is suspended and the water | been lost. has risen to Front street in this city PITTSBURG. Dec. 15.-Pittsburg's three Telegraph and telephone communication is rivers at 9 o'clock tonight have passed the interrupted. The rivers are still rising at a flood which has not been equaled for danger line and are still rising, with re- the rate of a foot an hour and from adports from the headwaters of the Monon- vices received from points up the Delaware gahela and Allegheny rivers stating that valley the Delaware river will likely conboth streams were still rising. The tinue to rise until midnight. Thousands

### will result from the unexpected rise and MANY HOUSES ARE UNROOFED Saturday. High water moved a pier of the Theater, Hotels, Church and Dwell-

ings Wrecked at Laneaster.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 15 .-- A rain and windstorm of great fury raged here during the early hours this morning. Many houses were unroofed, including Fulton's opera house, Hotel Lincoln, the Stevens house and St. Mary's Catholic church. Some able damage has been done throughout streets were strewn with limbs torn from northern New York by the extremely high trees and bricks of dismantied chimneys, wind which prevailed for twenty-four hours, Throughout the county the storm was not so severe, though at Columbia roofs were blown from a number of houses.

#### MANY MINES ARE FLOODED Shamokin Region Inundated and Reading and Northern Central

Ronds at a Standstill.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 15 .- Passenger and freight train service in the local branch of the Philadelphia & Reading and the Northern Central railroads was at a complete standstill from 1 o'clock this morning until 5 o'clock this evening, owing to numerous washouts caused by the heavy rainstorm of yesterday and last night Numerous colliery sidings were washed out and almost every mine in this region is flooded and will not be operated tomorrow.

#### BRIDGES OF STEEL GO DOWN Rush of Waters Shuts Off Traffle by Wagon and Steam at

Lewistown.

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.-Yesterday's heavy rains raised the water in Kishaco- feet of water when the rain ceased. quillas and Jacks creeks about ten feet and lid much damage to property along the ERIE ROAD AT A STANDSTILL banks. The railroad bridge on the Milroy branch at Walnut street was twisted out of position and travel on that line will be cut off for several days. The new iron wagon bridge over Jacks creek on the road to Mifflintown was carried away on the road flood. Travel over half the line of the Reedsville trolley road has been stopped.

#### SUSQUEHANNA STEADILY RISING Harrisburg Reports Engine Room of Water Works Two Feet

Under Flood. HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 15 .- The Susquehanna river has been rising at the rate of nine inches an hour since 2 o'clock this down all day. morning, with indications that it will continue to rise all night. There were two feet of water in the engine room of the Harrisburg water works this evening. The freshet was caused by the heavy rainfall road, thence to Owego on the Eric road, in the Juniata valley and along the west branch of the Susquehanna.

### Ohio Rises at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15 .- Shortly after 8 o'clock tonight the thermometer reached zero here and it is still falling. The Ohio river suddenly rose fifteen to twenty feet during the day, causing much suffering along the river front during the cold weather by the moving of an endless line of shanty boats. "Doc" Orr, a well-known character on the Kentucky side of the river was found frozen to death near his home at Fort Thomas.

## NEW YORK STATE INUNDATED

Sudden Thaw.

WARM WEATHER, THEN A DOWNPOUR

Winds of Great Velocity Sweep the Valleys and Freshets and Land-Slides Blockade Railway Trucks.

owed by heavy rains have resulted in day the snows in northern sections thawed count of the absence of snow. rapidly, causing the rivers and creeks to rise and the valleys were inundated. Heavy rain followed during the night, accompanied reported as lost.

hour, but beyond minor incidents no greater | sidings. damage is reported so far to property on

land or shipping. Corning reports that the Chemung and Canisteo vaileys have had the heaviest flooded and great damage has been done. The village of Painted Post has been feet deep in many dwellings. The Erie. Lackawanna and New York Central roads all since February, 1900.

#### suffered from washouts and landslides. Worst Since 1857. At Ithaca the damage is estimated at

Juniata river had risen fourteen feet and \$200,000. The flood was the most disastrous since 1857. The nearby creeks became raging torrents by midnight. A dwelling house was swept away and today no trace of it could be found. The power and lighting plant was washed out and two trolle; cars swallowed up in the flood. All strest car traffic is suspended and the city is in darkness. The lumber yards and buildings suffered immensely and the wreckage flowed.

bridges were washed away. Percy field at iest wind and rainstorms in its history Cornell university was turned into a lake visited Bedford last night. The rain fell and the university power plants were abandoned. The lower floor of the city hospital was overflowed and today no heat or light was available in that institution.

Bridges and Dams Swept Away.

At Waverly great damage was done and Power company, doing considerable roads being washed out, cellars filled and buildings undermined and fallen. There by a landslide near Saxton. The was a washout on the Eric railroad near have on my overcoat nor any gloves. The not care to institute a regular organization. Wellsburg and another near Oswego.

At Syracuse the sudden rising of Onondaga creek caused great property damage and drove several hundred people from their homes. The water rose six feet in eight hours, but is now receding, Many the Delaware and Lehigh rivers has done people were rescued by police and firemen in boats, and no lives are known to have

> Chenango river over its banks and caused virtue and he will be compelled to tell the twenty-two years. Cellars are flooded and much damage has been done to business houses on the river front. The county farm buildings are surrounded by water several

> Not an Erie or Lackawanna through train has passed through the city since 9 p. m Lackawanna bridge from its foundation. At Oneida the Oneida creek overflowed and the water was from one to three feet Tuesday fair, colder in northern and westdeep on the first floors of residences. The Ontario & Western railroad tracks were

is estimated at \$50,000 and the electric car service to Albany is suspended. Considerreaching the velocity of a tornado. The warm weather Saturday sent the snow ou of the Adirondacks like magic and many

houses on the lower levels are flooded. At Middletown large landslides occurred on the Eric railroad. In a collision between two trains one man was killed and several injured. The bridge over the Neversink

river settled several inches. today and the tracks are badly washed Logs valued at \$75,000 were swept away

The storm did considerable damage in and about the city of Schnectady. Twenty bridges on the Lehigh Valley railway south of Auburn were washed away. Besides this the track was undermined in many places and blockeded by landslides. All traffic from that city south over the

Lehigh railroad has been suspended and it is thought it will be several days before trains are again running. At Moravia, twenty miles south of Au-

## Wind Adds to Damage Done by Susquehanna and Delaware

vision, are submerged. Two hundred men left here to repair the damage and a dining car was sent from Susquehanna with food for the passengers on a train blockaded at Owego. Telegraph and telephone lines throughout this section have been

A Lehigh Valley train, on account of high water over the tracks at certain points on that road, was today run from Scranton to Carbondsle on the Delaware & Hudson railwhere it was again halted by high water. The Susquehanna and Delawere rivers are full to the banks and the creeks are the highest in years. Much damage has been done to property along the lowlands.

# WEST VIRGINIA CATCHES IT

Chesapeake & Ohio Bridge Washes Away and Eastbound Traffic is Abandoned.

HINTON, W. Va., Dec. 15 .- A portion of

eight miles east of the city, was washed out today. All eastbound traffic today is abandoned. The company will try to repair the damage for traffic tomorrow, but this all depends on the stage of the water, and it is rising tonight.

#### Kansas is Warming Up.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15 .- Temperatures n Kansas have risen from 10 to 30 degrees since last night. The wind is from the south tonight and the indications are that by tomorrow the weather will be much warmer. The situation for the stockmen in western Kansas is greatly improved. Colby reports the temperature as 28 above zero, with a light south wind. At Mulvane the mercury is 22 above and in Fairbury, Neb. NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- Warm weather fol- | 22 above. The damage to stock, while severe, was not so great as expected. Wheat heavy damages all over the state. On Satur- in central Kansas is seriously injured on ac-

#### Natural Gas Frozen Solid.

LIMA, O., Dec. 15 .- The temperature by winds of great velocity. Frains were dropped from 16 above to 8 below from Satblocked for many hours, landstides were urday morning to Sunday morning in this frequent and in the lowlands and valleys city. It remains about zero this morning. hundreds of dwellings were flooded, while The natural gas supply has gone out in a the damage to farm lands and buildings is number of houses and where no other very great. Few lives so far have been method of heating was provided, suffering ensued. Railroad traffic is suffering badly In and around New York City the wind through trains being eight to twelve hours reached a velocity of forty-eight miles an late and freight trains being frozen up on

# BATTLE CREEK, Neb., Dec. 15 .- (Spe

Battle Creek's Heavy Drop.

cial.)-After almost a week of snow and floods since June, 1879. The Chemung and cloudy weather, it cleared up Thursday Canisieo rivers overflowed their banks and evening. The thermometer then stood at for miles east and west the lowlands are 20 above. Friday morning it had fallen to 12 below, a drop of 32 degrees. Saturday morning it stood at 26 below and this under water all day and the water is three morning at 24 below, but it is moderating fast. This is the coldest weather here

#### Steamboat Men Are Frostbitten.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 15,-The thermometer dropped to 18 below zero today and Captain John Bolton and Mate Sweeney of the steamer Rand had their ears, faces and hands badly frozen in trying to make port in the fog.

#### DOES NOT BEAR REPETITION Not Safe to Ask a Man with No Overcoat or Gloves "Is It Cold

Enough for Youf" Claud Williams and Thomas Kitchens are lodged in the city jail, charged with fighting; a Douglas street restaurant in which Kitchens is employed is out of a trayful of dishes; a patron of the restaurant failed to get a good supper; Williams is suffering with a badly disfigured nose; and a new overcoat is almost ruined; and all on account of a simple friendly question; the

every time everybody meets anybody. Williams and Kitchens were arrested peace. At the station Kitchens told the yet no organization, and that is because the following story: with a tray full of lunch for a customer solved. As long as this is in nominal existwho roomed about a block away. I didn't ence the new born band of benevolents does wind blew so hard that I was compelled But the interests in each being identical It is believed no trains can get through to use both hands to keep the napkin over the older society is anxious to disband, so the lunch from blowing away. I was just as to give the new one a chance and not about to freeze to death when I meets retard its work in the slightest. The reason this man and he says, 'is it cold enough why it has not yet been able to accomplish for you?' He was about the forty-'eleventh | this end is merely because it is impossible man to yell that at me as I went down the to get a quorum out to a meeting. Four street. I was mad at the boss for sending such sessions have been called, with the me out and mad at everybody else and I express purpose of dissolving, but at none just couldn't stand any more so I let drive has the required proportion of the memwith the wholeshusiness, and you fellows bership appeared to make this possible. It would have done the same thing."

The officers will teach Kitchens, how- reached this week. ever, that patience never ceases to be a story to the judge this morning.

#### FAIR AND WARMER MONDAY Tuesday Fair, but Colder in Northern and Western Portions

of Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Forecast: For Nebraska-Fair and warmer Monday; ern portions; variable winds. For Iowa-Snow Monday, with rising tem-

perature; Tuesday fair; westerly winds. For South Dakota-Snow and rising temperature Monday and Tuesday; southwesterly winds, becoming westerly. For North Dakota-Snow Monday, with cold in northwest portion; Tuesday fresh

southwest winds; fair. For Eastern Texas-Fair, warmer Monday; Tuesday fair, except probably rain in southern portlons; light northerly winds becoming fresh southeasterly.

For Western Texas-Fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer in northern portion Monday; southeasterly winds. For New Mexico and Arizona-Fair Monday and Tuesday; variable winds. For Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas-Fair and warmer

Monday; Tuesday probably fair; southerly winds. For Illinois-Fair Monday, except probably snow in northern portions; warmer Tuesday probably fair; light to fresh southerly winds.

For Colorado-Partly cloudy Monday Tuesday fair and probably colder; northerly For Wyoming-Cloudy Monday, with snow in mountain districts; Tuesday fair and

colder; northerly winds. For Montana-Snow and colder Monday; Tuesday fair; westerly winds. For Utah-Fair Monday and Tuesday; variable winds.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 15.—Official record of tem-perature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years: 1901, 1900, 1889, 1898 Maximum temperature. Minimum temperature... Mean temperature ..... Precipitation

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER. Omaha, clear Valentine, cloudy North Platte, cloudy Huron, clear Rapid City, cloudy Louis, clear Paul, clear

Galveston, partly cloudy - Below zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.
L A WELSH.

venport, clear

lismarck, clear

Suffering Not So Great as in Other Years, but Many Are in Need.

NEW CHARITY ORGANIZATION FORMING

Intended to Take the Place of Old Associated Charities-Something of Its Plan and Work Already Accomplished.

For the first time since public benevolence has been practiced in Omaha the worthy poor of this city will this winter be cared for by a system of charity that will personally make a man-to-man canvass of their needs and will also in the same individual manner see that the wants are supplied to the actual limit of possibility. This influence, which may not yet be

termed an organization, as it has none, is the new City Charities recently projected and already in active operation. For years past the Associated Charities, representing the best element of Omaha's beneficence, has been the sole extensive power in that direction here. During the seasons of bitter poverty that were incident to the drouths and "hard times" of the early '90s and from then on for many years this organization was most effective in its efforts and accomplished great good. Then, however, prosperity came and with it a gradual decrease in the necessity for such assistance. In exact ratio to the slow waning of this find the baseburner cold and cheerless, the necessity died the activity of the Associated water pipes frozen and just about every- with sleds. As soon as snow fell this season titular in its scope and effectiveness. But prosperity did not put an end to cold

winters, nor to the temporary waves of distress that sometimes arise from other sources. It is to alleviate these ills that That is that it will do the actual work of different plan, as its name would indicate. It specialized more in agitating action among the different charities of the city such as the churches, urging them to do all that they could, but not delving to any extent into his troubles. the actual remedial work itself. It accomplished grand results along the other chan-

#### Embraces the Same Elements.

It is largely the people who were the mainstays of the Associated Charities in the time of its activity that now compose the City Carities. In fact, the interests at the bottom of each are practically the same, question of the hour asked by everybody though the new growth does not include all that were connected with the old one. It is principally because of this fact that early Sunday morning by Officer Herald, the City Charities is still in embryo, and charged with fighting and disturbing the this, too, is its chief weakness. It has as

"The boss sent me out Associated Charities has not formally disis hoped that the end can be successfully

Meanwhile the City Charities is hard at plishing much. Its deeds on Thanksgiving Omaha, and the society intends to fairly outdo itself for the Christmas holidays. Every needy family discovered will be assigned to some charitable and well-to-do care and attention. To this end it will be necessary to have not only a list of the poor. but also one of the willing rich and these

schedules are now being compiled. It is thought that this method will be far more successful than the usual system of bunching contributions and then again sorting and distributing them. Its entire feasibility, however, depends upon the number who will step forward and volunteer to assume the responsibility of the bodily rising temperature in southern portion; and creature comforts of every member of some proverty-stricken family. That does not require such a great number of offers. as the total number of needy, according to charity authorities, does not exceed 300

families, and is probably nearer 200. Every effort looking toward the successful consummation of this plan is now being made by the City Charities. A meeting will be held every afternoon this week in the vestry room of Trinity cathedral and thorough canvassing and arrangements of the names received will be completed.

#### RELISH WARM SCHOOL ROOMS Chilly Blasts an Incentive to Study Among Those Who Have Cheerless Homes.

A pitifully strenuous desire on the part of school children from the poorer classes to remain in the school building as many hours as possible during the day is the surest manifestation school teachers have just now that the bitter cold is making many homes in Omaha not only unpleasant,

but cruelly uncomfortable. "I have to stay and wait for Willie tonight, teacher," is a common explanation ing of the cold wave. He is the Milwaukee these days for a pupil's unusual presence road's freight and passenger agent at ifter school has been dismissed at 3:30 in Moline and was in Omaha to call on J. E. he afternoon, and meanwhile Willie and Markel. his waiting friend get unexpectedly busy at their desks in a feverish attempt to exhibit enough Saturday to see the mercury go to a zeal that will permit them to pass the re- 10 below, with its head still pointing downmainder of the frigid day in the warm ward. The ferryboats had all scurried in rooms that are their thralldom during the early Friday and the people of Moline, like ummer time.

working hours are over that the children freeze as solid as it could. I don't know seek to take advantage of the pleasant how hard a freeze it turned out to be, but I homes which the city has provided for them. think it surely must be at least ten inches Early in the morning they leave their cold deep by this time. And a ten-inch freeze and cheerless homes and hurry to the means a good deal to Moline, for we ship school, depending on the softheartedness an immense amount of ice from there, beof the janitor to let them inside before the sides supplying the local demand, which is time permitted in the regulations. A by no means small. The points to which we eacher in one of the larger schools said do our heaviest shipping are St. Louis, East hat there were children waiting around St. Louis and Kansas City." the steps of the building and around the outside entrance to the boiler rooms as early as 7:30 these cold mornings.

It is at schools which draw their clientage more largely from the very poor districts. uch as "Lfttle Italy," that this state of affairs holds true. The Mason school and the Cass schools are good examples.

#### THIS IS COAL MAN'S BUSY TIME Sudden Cold Snap Brings in a Flood of Orders and Necessitates Sunday Delivery.

Sunday was not a day of rest for the coal dealers of Omaha. From the opening of he offices Saturday morning until they losed at dark there was a line of people practically unbroken leaving orders for imthe main that they came from people to

POOR ARE ALWAYS WITH US as they were in small amounts, ranging valled. James saw the force of the argufrom a few bushels to a ton, the greater ment and started back to Omaha.

part being for 500 and 1,000 younds. Added to the rapid increase in the number of orders, the dealers were handleapped | Pine, at 11 o'clock that night. He traveled by the failure of drivers to get their on a freight train, and thus describes the wagons to the yards at the usual time in trip the morning. At one of the offices which generally runs a dozen wagons but three ception of a traveling man. In the twelve had arrived at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. When the delinquents put in an appearance in the afternoon they offered many excuses. the most common one being that they had to have their horses shod and that the from behind us and sifted into the waycar horseshoers were so busy that they could not get the work done before noon

Sunday morning every available wagon was had to flash the glim from the inst . as a pressed into service and continued without precarious provision against rear \*.d colintermission during the day. Dealers estimate that more bituminous coal has been sold for domestic consumption in Omaha since Thursday than during any two weeks | Norfolk and that the same temperature was previous to that time this year, not excluding the time between January 1 and the opening of spring. Every office is from one to three days behind in its delivery and in the day. Over Brown county there was it will be an especial favor if one can get coal delivered before Wednesday on orders placed today.

#### THERE'S TROUBLE AT MY HOME Man Whose Wife Has Been Visiting

Tells His Troubles to the Motorman.

"Did you ever arise from your downy ouch on a morning like this, with the mercury making googoo eyes at 16 below, to Charities, and now for several years past thing out of joint?" queried the man who t has admittedly been scarcely more than always rides on the front end of the car so roadway there after the cold weather is as he can pour his troubles into the motorman's ear.

"No? Well, you don't know; you can't realize how much you've missed. It's more exciting than prospecting in the Klondike sion to visit a friend near Twenty-fifth and the City Charities has begun work. Its and it has an element of danger which lends Dodge streets. He approached the resimethods will differ radically from those of zeat to the occasion, or words to that effect. dence from the west about 5 o'clock and in the Associated Charities in one particular. I know what I'm talking about, for I've the twilight stopped, despite the nipping just been through it all and I feel as if I'd breeze, to watch the boys at their sport supplying needs, handing out the food, had ten years of experience that could not As one sled much faster than the rest flew clothing and fuel necessary. The older or- be duplicated. That I am not a mental and past, he ejaculated: ganization, on the contrary, proceeded on a physical wreck now, I lay to the fact that constitution.

ject, but the man couldn't keep away from

"My wife is away from home just now and I am monarch of all I survey, but I'd It was probably 8 o'clock before his visit willingly surrender all pretensions to the throne of household authority if she would the road comparatively dark. The sidewalk only come back home. I must confess that such things don't happen when she is Smith had reached Twenty-sixth street he director general of affairs. When I got up had fallen three times. Here he took the this morning and ascertained the real con- middle of the road. As he reached the dition that confronted me I tried to be calm, center he disappeared in a whirl of snow, but that gentle restraining influence was absent, so I warmed up considerably in voice of damages near the corner of Twenmore ways than one."

the weather'd git warmer bimeby," but the his collar he was heard to remark: man with troubles on his mind apparently did not hear, for he rattled on,

"I got on enough clothes to make myself to the coalshed. The trip brought home another source of trouble, for some socialist had commenced the evening-up process and I was shy some bushels of black diamonds that cost almost as much as potatoes. The blow almost killed father, as the Cherry sisters' song says, but I pulled myself to gether and by the unsparing use of coal oil and cuss words I got that fire started.

"I forgot to mention that the clock stopped because I neglected to wind it and, of course, my watch happened to be laid up for repairs. My time for getting to work is S o'clock, but at just about this stage of wants of the destitute. Food supplies were the proceedings I didn't care whether school work, despite all obstacles, and is accom- kept or not. But I tackled the water proposition with the determination that I would day are still the marvel of the poor in for once escape paying tribute to that band of plunderers who wax fat off of other people's misfortunes. Besides, they won't The scheme adopted is a unique one, trust anyhow, even if they are in a combine. The ancient cottage I occupy, one of the kind built during the boom age, that family, to be the subject of its especial you can buy on installments just the same as paying rent,' has the water pipes so ar ranged in the kitchen that a small gasoline stove may be placed under them. Perhaps the brainy architect, or rather carpenter, that rough-hewed the house didn't intend it that way, but the brilliant idea no sooner struck me than the plan was executed---"I see they ain't goin' to git the chanst to exycute Mrs. Boneen down at Washington,"

chimed the motorman, who had waited long for an opening. "That so? Well, I turned on both burners full blast and waited for results and I fidn't have to wait so awfully long either. While I was in another room trying to coax the baseburner fire to look a little more pleasant I heard a sound that reminded me of the way the fire department gets action something doing in that line in my kitchen. The ice had cracked the pipe and when it thawed out business commenced. And, say, that kitchen was a frightful sight. It was so cold that the water froze as soon as it left the pipe and the place looked like a stereopticon view of Niagara Falls in winter before I succeeded in getting the water turned off. Well, here's where I get off. And the motorman heaved a deep sigh of

### MAKETH THE ICE MAN SMILE COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN Troubles of Other People Forgotten While He Joins the Cont

Dealer in Celebrating

"It hits Moline hard, but the freeze was what the town wanted," said John F. Schomp, at the Millard yesterday, in speak-

"I left Moline," he remarked, "late those of its neighbors. Davenport and Rock But it is not only in the evening after Island, were ready for the Mississippi to

#### TOO MUCH FOR THE BRAKEMAN Vocabulary Refuses to Thaw Out and He Will Tell His Troubles

Another Day.

"It was so cold that the brakeman couldn't swear and the oil froze in the signal lamps on the rear of the caboose," affirms James Allan-and Mr. Allan is a truthful man so far as anybody has yet been able

He is also deputy United States marshal and in that capacity was sent up to the northwestern part of the state on an er rand of business. From Long Pine to th point he wished to reach it was a fortymile drive and it was twenty miles to the first house. James tackled a liveryman nediate delivery. These orders showed in and the liveryman told James that he would see the United States government in a place whom the warm weather of November and where it's never cold before he would make carly December was a practical blessing. | the drive under such conditions as then pre-

to discover.

That was 11 o'clock Friday morning and he reached Norfolk, 140 miles from Long

"I was the only passenger with the exhours we were on the train I shovelled 1,000 pounds of coal into the caboose stove and got up a heat about equal to that of a spirit lamp. The wind came racing up like trouble into a policeman's ear. The oil in the lamps on the rear fraze so quickly All day long and far into the night the that the light went out within ten minutes coal wagons were busy delivering fuel and after we left Long Pine and after that we listons.

"I am not joking when I say that it was 22 degrees below zero when we reached reported at Meadow Grove, Tilden, Pattle Creek, Ewing, Neligh, Oakdate and Clearwater as we passed through them earlies six inches of snow on the level and in places it had drifted to a depth of eight and even ten feet. The liveryman a Long Pine said he did not remember its baving been so cold in sixteen years.

#### JUST MAKE ME A BOY AGAIN Boys Consting on City Streets Start a Series of Reverles by Elderly

Mr. Smith. Dodge street west of Twenty-fifth is one

of the inclines where juvenile Omaha for a dozen years has made merry each winter they were at their sport as usual. The smooth as glass, as all rough places have been filled in by the small boy.

One evening last week a resident of the sity, who shall be called Smith, had occa-

"Gee, but that's a whizzer! But I believe my ancestors endowed me with a hardy if I had my old sled back I could bent it. I wish I were a boy for about an hour, and The motorman tried to change the sub- I'd show you youngsters how we used to coast on the crust of the snow back in Michigan.

Then he disappeared within the building was at an end. The course was described was remarkably slippery, and before Mr and when next seen he was taking an inty-eighth street. As he dug the snow ou The motorman remarked that "he sposed of the tops of his shoes and straightened

"Yaas: I wish I was a boy for about an hour-tomorrow morning-and I'd show some of these kids what they deserve for look presentable and shivered my way out | making the roads so slippery a respectable citizen cannot get home without looking like he'd been spending the evening with John Barleycorn or been initiated into the New York Stock exchange.

BRINGS OUT CALLS FOR RELIEF

Cold Snap Farnishes a Busy Day

Saturday for the County Poor Agent. The county relief store on St. Mary's avenue was kept busy Saturday until the closing hour at 1 p. m. in supplying the issued to sixty-five needy families after 8

a. m., the largest number which has applied for ald this winter. Though the number supplied was much larger than on the average Saturday it did not reach the record of last winter, when nearly 100 families were given aid in fly hours one Saturday. The cold spell caugh the county store rather unprepared for the demands made upon it, and some articles of food were exhausted before all were supplied, though there was plenty of othe kinds to make up the deficiency. Each family was given a twenty-five-pound sack of white ficur, a five or ten-pound sack of cornmeal, coffee, tea, sugar, beans, rice, catmeal salt pork and other necessaries. It is the rule of the county board that the half-ton of coal supplied each family must last one month. The demand for coal was

hardly as heavy as was expected.

The county agent looks for a steady de mand from now on, but indications are that the relief work by both city and county authorities and the various charity organizations is well in hand and that there will be little, if any, actual suffering in the future. Several cases came to light here and there on a fire. It turned out that there was over the city Sunday, where families were too proud to let their destitute condition be known, but they were promptly relieved through police channels. It is considered that this false pride is all that now stands in the way of immediate relief of all worthy cases. However, all the charity organiza tions can use donations of food, fuel and clothing to good advantage, and those who enjoy doing good work should not let their arder cool merely because the worst has been passed.

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AMUSEMENTS.

BOYD'S | Woodward & Burgess, TONIGHT-TUESDAY NIGHT. SPECIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MAT Tuesday—Curtain rises at 3:30 after School. UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

Prices-School Mat NEXT ATTRACTION-Friday and Satur-ANDREW HOBSON

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blocking the channel of Six-Mile creek, turned the stream from its course and the whole lower part of the city was over-Miles of the Lehigh Valley & Lackawanna railroad tracks were washed away and no trains reached Ithaca. Several

Reports of destruction of bridges and bursting of dams along all streams in this vicinity continue to come in.

on the Erie before Monday night. Great Loss at Syrneuse.

At Binghamton the rainstorm sent the

covered for near'y one mile. Troy and Albany Stormbound. At Troy the damage from wind and rain

At Rome the rapid rise of the Mohawk river caused heavy loss and great distress The city and suburbs are under water for miles. Only one train passed the city People were taken from their houses in boats and others are entirely without fuel.

n East Canada creek, north of Herkimer.

burn, the entire village was under three

Rivers. SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Dec. 15.—Owing to the heavy rains and wind of last night business today was at a standstill on the Erie railroad. A mile of track near Owego, on the Susquehanna division, and several feet at Rosa's switch, on the Delaware di-

the Chesapeake & Ohio bridge at Lowell,

Local Forecast Official.