DAMAGE FROM HIGH WATER

Rivers Around Pittsburg Rapidly Reaching Flood Stage.

ICE GORGES FORMING IN RIVER

Alleghany Filled with Floating Ice—Masses Are Advancing from Several Directions—Much Suffering.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 15.—The annual flood of the five rivers and many small streams in this city and vicinity is in progress today, with the resultant sufferings, business suspension and heavy monetary damage.

At noon the danger mark, twenty-two feet, was passed, and by late tonight or early Sunday morning a stage of thirty feet is expected.

Rain continues to fall throughout western Pennsylvania today and little creeks and runs are on the rampage. The prediction of snow and colder weather is made for tonight, but according to the United States weather officials the flood situation will not be affected.

Conditions here and in the surrounding territory are rapidly becoming serious. Thousands of families have been compelled to move to the second floors of their homes; trolley lines in some sections are out of commission; several railroad lines have been abandoned in part; cellars are filled with water; pavements in the lower portion of the city have collapsed; several tow boats and barges have sunk; telegraph communication interrupted; thousands of men thrown out of employment in the mines and manufacturing plants along the banks at Springdale, near here, and two valuable government dams in danger of demolition from heavy ice gorges.

As the water rises the serious proportion of the flood increases and it is expected that a majority of the steel and cotton mills will be forced to suspend operations. The men have only recently resumed work after weeks of idleness and a great hardship to many families will result.

At points below Pittsburg the flood is gradually getting worse and a stage of from forty to forty-three feet of water is predicted for Steubenville, O., by tomorrow night.

Damage to river craft and property located near the river is heavy. Some alarm is felt for a number of bridges.

At Wheeling, W. Va., and Steubenville, O., a serious flood is expected to occur by Sunday night. Word from Steubenville today says that a stage of forty feet will be reached by Monday morning or sooner. At points high water has risen to the doors of dwellings and stores.

Before evening several railroads and street car lines will be forced to abandon service in this city on account of the water covering the tracks. The small streams surrounding Pittsburg are beyond their banks and the water is rapidly rising. Thousands of families at Sharpsburg, Etna, Charlerol, Oakdale and numerous places have been compelled to remove their household goods to the upper floors.

Boat Becomes Total Wreck.

The towboat Robert Taylor, which was wrecked last night at Corapolis, is entirely submerged today and will be a total loss.

Colder weather is expected today. The stage of the river at this city, it is predicted, will bring the water upon Pennsylvania in the downtown district. This will be sufficient to cripple several theaters and cause a suspension in stores and manufacturing plants.

Flood stages are reported from all points above here. At Franklin, Pa., the flood is several feet above the danger point and rising. The Allegheny is filled with floating ice and a large gorge several miles long is moving on the city from Parker, Pa., on the Allegheny and another from the Youghiogheny river.

Landslides Along Railroad.

Several heavy landslides happened along the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, delaying trains and making runs in the grounds. On the north side the Baltimore & Ohio tracks, freight houses and station have been abandoned. Pavements along Pennsylvania avenue have collapsed and cellars are filling with water.

The Saturday afternoon concert of the Pittsburg orchestra in the hall of the Pittsburg exposition, Duquesne way, was called and all traffic in the vicinity of the building halted.

At McKeesport the water is rising gradually and unless the cold spell predicted for tonight materializes it will be necessary to close down the steel and iron mills. Thousands of workmen will be affected.

Many coal mines along the river bank are flooded and thousands of coal miners compelled to abandon their work. In Allegheny a squad of picked patrolmen is guarding the inundated district. Many plants are partially submerged and hundreds of men are out of work. The damage there runs into the thousands of dollars.

At Beaver, Pa., the Ohio river has risen eleven feet in ten hours and indications point to a flood stage of dangerous proportions.

Work of Rescue at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 15.—Buck creek is higher than since 1898 and fully 110 houses in this city are flooded. Boats were kept busy all night carrying people to their submerged homes. All suburban traction lines entering the city have been out of commission since last night. No cars were running on the city lines today, the power houses being flooded.

The main line of the Big Four between this city and Cincinnati have been kept running, though the tracks are submerged much of the way between Springfield and Dayton.

The Sandusky division of the Big Four has no trains running.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—Flood conditions are reported at various points on the Ohio and its tributaries, and the danger line will probably be passed here within a few days. Damage has been reported at Springfield, Dayton, Hamilton and other points.

Over half a mile of track on the White Water division of the Big Four railroad near Harrison, O., slid into the flooded White Water early today, tying up traffic on that division. The White Water river is higher than last year. The lower part of Harrison is under water and a score of families have been compelled to move from flooded homes. The river was at a standstill Saturday, but additional rains were reported from the White Water headwaters. Big Four officials stated that the washout would not affect traffic on the main lines to Chicago and Indianapolis.

The Cincinnati-Lawrenceburg traffic was badly crippled by washouts and none of the cars ran on schedule early today.

Floods and Snow in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—While northern and central Indiana is swept by snow and wind storms today the southern part of the state is suffering from floods. Rivers are out of banks and in several counties bridges have been carried away and buildings in the lowlands are under water. At Bloomington the flood is perhaps the greatest since 1888.

At Bedford bottom lands are overflowed. Rural mail routes were abandoned today.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The waters of Buffalo and Scajaquece creeks, in the southern and northern sections of this city, respectively, overflowed their banks early today and there are from two to three feet of water in the streets. Many cellars are flooded, furnaces extinguished and many thousands of dollars damage has been done to property.

Danger Extends Far South.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Feb. 15.—Leaf river is over its banks at this city and a rise of three feet above the danger line is predicted by the weather bureau. Residents in the low-lying sections are making preparations to move.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 15.—Streams throughout eastern Kentucky are rising rapidly as a result of the four days' rain and great damage is feared by lumber concerns along the Kentucky, the Red, Cumberland, Licking and Big Sandy rivers. River men have extra forces of men at work strengthening log booms to hold thousands of logs which will swoop down upon them. Several towns in the low lands along the Licking river are reported as in danger of the water. Railway traffic is delayed.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Feb. 15.—After struggling nearly all night among the ice floes on the flooded South Branch river a number of farmers early today rescued Eddie Matthews, aged 7 years, from the middle of a bridge on which he was marooned all night. The boy was riding on a wagon which became stalled by drift ice.

BIG REBATES PAID

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move otherwise were such rebates not granted.

"In view of the foregoing it is directed that a copy of the transcript of the testimony in this matter be forwarded to the district attorneys of the United States for the several judicial districts wherein offenses against the act to regulate commerce was committed as shown by this record and that such officials be requested to institute such prosecutions under the law as may be warranted."

It is known that by instruction of Attorney General Bonaparte the district attorneys already have taken up the cases to be instituted for the purpose of beginning the formal proceedings as soon as possible.

Names of the officials against whom the prosecutions are to be made are not known and probably will not be made until the indictments of the grand jury are announced. It is indicated as likely that the proceedings of the Department of Justice will be directed not only against the Southern Pacific company and officials of that company, but against shippers who have enjoyed, according to the allegations made, rebates from the railway company.

CALLAHAN TO STAND TRIAL

Superintendent of Prospect Hill Cemetery Will Be Given a Court Hearing.

Daniel C. Callahan, superintendent of Prospect Hill cemetery, will have to stand trial on the charge of digging up the bones of unknown dead in the cemetery. Judge Sears Saturday morning overruled the demurrer filed by Callahan's attorneys and held the information good.

Attorney Giller for Callahan attacked the information because it did not state the name of the person whose body Callahan was charged with disturbing, but stated the name was unknown. Mr. Giller contended it would be necessary for the state to show Callahan did not have the consent of relatives of the deceased person. Unless the identity of the body were known he contended it would be impossible for the state to show this. Judge Sears held it was sufficient to show the identity of the body was unknown.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Mary Ann Eliza Groom.

Following a stroke of appoplexy a week ago Wednesday, Mrs. Mary Ann Eliza Groom died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. T. Mootaz, 2127 Farnam street. She was stricken while visiting friends in Council Bluffs and did not rally. She was 79 years old. The funeral will be held Sunday and interment will be at Walnut Hill cemetery, Council Bluffs.

Gustave F. Blixt.

Gustave F. Blixt, aged 46, died Friday evening at a local hospital. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from his late home, 2726 Burt street. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

When you have anything to sell, advertise it in The Bee Want Ad Columns.

ROADS ESCAPE HEAVY TAXES

Need Not Pay Where They Hold No Record Titles.

SUCH IS RULING OF G. A. MAGNEY

Vast Amount of Real Estate Will Escape Taxation if Deputy County Attorney is Correct in Judgment.

Railroads in Omaha will escape payment of taxes amounting, it is estimated, to thousands of dollars, on streets and alleys which have been vacated to their use for which they do not hold record titles.

Deputy County Attorney Magney has given an opinion to County Assessor Shriver which in effect says the railroads cannot be legally held for taxes on these streets and alleys unless they hold title under the records of the register of deeds office, even though the roads are using the property daily for railroad purposes. Some of the streets and alleys vacated to the railroads constitute the most valuable real estate in the city. But if the opinion of Mr. Magney is correct no taxes can be legally collected on it.

The effect of this opinion will be to exclude a large amount of real estate in actual use both as right-of-way and for building sites from taxation. The Burlington depot stands on Mason street between Ninth and Tenth streets. The enclosure around the Union Pacific shops includes about fifty blocks. All the streets and alleys in this area are used by the railroad but taxes cannot be leied on them. In another instance out of a strip of right-of-way, 213 feet long and 100 feet wide, only 155 square feet can be taxed because the remainder is on a street that was vacated to the railroad.

The exemption of these tracts from taxation, however, does not exclude the buildings that stand on them. The structures are listed separately and will be assessed as personal property.

County Assessor Shriver and his office force are now making up the books for the assessment of railroad terminals. A vast amount of work is required in doing this because it has never been done before and the records must all be made up from the raw material. So far the railroads have shown a disposition to help out and some of them have furnished blue prints of their property.

WRECK VICTIMS REST EASY

Parsons and Dougherty Are Doing Well and Early Recovery is Expected.

T. L. Parsons, motorman of the street car which was wrecked Friday morning at Tenth and Bancroft streets, is resting well and his quick recovery is expected. John Dougherty, the other injured man, is also getting along well.

The inquest over the body of Edward McCarthy, the man who was killed, will be held by Coroner Davis Saturday afternoon.

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there is no external trade worth talking about. We export a certain amount of barley and a certain amount of cattle and poultry, but we do not seem to get anything back in exchange for them. No country can live on a one-sided attempt at trading of this kind. Now, what this country should try to do, if it wants to live, is to encourage a return trade from other countries. There is no reason why this country should not have a mercantile marine." F. X. CULLEN.

Beemer Has Saloon War.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The village of Beemer is in the throes of a saloon war. Screens have been removed and Sunday closing inaugurated. This was done in compliance with a petition presented to the saloonkeepers by a body of citizens. The saloonkeepers did not comply very cheerfully, but under protest, and much bad feeling is being manifested. Threats of boycott have been freely made by the saloon element against some of those identified with the movement to compel them to observe the law. Beemer has four saloons and hitherto has been a wide-open town.

derers, his record being an enviable one.

Detective Drummy was about 52 years old and was the father of twelve children, eleven of whom are living, the oldest being 24 years old, employed as firman on the Union Pacific railroad. The youngest is but 1½ years old. Despite rearing such a large family, Detective Drummy saved enough of his salary to possess himself of some property in the city, having but recently sold his home at 4236 Harney street, but has been living there since the sale, pending the erection of a larger home on two lots which he recently bought at Fortieth and Davenport streets.

The detective was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Woodmen of the World and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

M'VEA HONORED FOR VICTORY

Plumbing Inspector's Office Decorated for His Landing National Convention for Omaha.

City officials on the third floor of the city hall have decorated the desk of Harry McVea, city plumbing inspector, in appreciation of his securing for Omaha the national convention of plumbing inspectors for next year. Soiled bunting, old flags, excelsior and straw make up the decorations, Robert U. Wolfe, boiler inspector, being in charge of the work. Mr. Wolfe accuses Mr. McVea with painting his horse green last Hallowe'en and he seizes upon this chance to get even. The plumbing inspector is expected home next Monday.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Feb. 15.—Bank clearings for today were $1,527,255.62, and for the corresponding date last year $1,482,372.13.

	1908.	1907.
Monday	$1,837,626.91	$1,913,007.53
Tuesday	1,716,561.51	1,480,650.96
Wednesday	1,777,585.24	1,634,551.30
Thursday	1,803,559.18	1,576,868.92
Friday	1,462,285.21	1,616,961.25
Saturday	1,527,255.62	1,482,372.13
Totals	$10,186,913.47	$9,705,012.07

Increase over the corresponding week last year, $481,901.40.

Kansas Wheat to Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The commissioner general of the army has decided to purchase for shipment to the Philippines Kansas wheat, which shows the best results in mixture with California flour. The Kansas-California blend has been found an equal of the Australian product.

MISS SHONTS WEDS HER DUC

Marriage of Daughter of Subway Magnate Takes Place in Gotham.

MANY NOTABLE PEOPLE ATTEND

Ceremony Performed by Mgr. Lavelle with Simplicity in Spite of the Prominence of the Two Principals.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Miss Theodora Shonts, daughter of Theodore Shonts, formerly chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, was married today at noon to Manuel Thedoric Berand Albet Luins, duc de Chaulnes, of Paris. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, at 123 East Thirty-fifth street, the ceremony being performed by Mgr. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral. Although considerable international interest has been aroused, it was planned to be a wedding without display or gathering of guests. Notable among the guests, however, was the Duchess D'Uzes, a sister of the duke and a member of the most aristocratic family of Baron Louis D'Conde of Paris, a friend of the duke and several members of the French embassy, including Madame Dusport and daughter, and Lieutenant Commander De Blampre, the French naval attache, and Madame Blampre.

Miss Marguerite Shonts, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. One of the duc's uncles was best man.

The bride wore a gown of duchess satin with court train bordered with orange blossome. The duc de Chaulnes is 29 years old and a member of one of the most aristocratic families. He has a house in Paris and a castle in one of the French provinces.

The bride's father is now president of the Interborough Metropolitan company, which operates the New York elevated railroad and subway.

BEN GOSSARD IS SET FREE

Former Red Willow County Treasurer Acquitted of Embezzlement.

M'COOK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—At 10:30 this morning, after twenty-three hours of deliberation, the jury in the case of ex-Treasurer Ben G. Gossard returned a verdict of not guilty. The first ballot stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

Gossard was on trial for the embezzlement of some $6,000 of Red Willow county funds and the feeling over the result of the trial is intense.

Riprap Work Completed.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Hollis Wentworth, superintendent of the riprap construction of the Northwestern railroad, which is now being put along the banks of the Missouri river to protect the costly bridge at this point, laid off ninety-five men here today, paying them over $1,[illegible]. They have been employing about 150 men nearly all winter, putting in over 2,500 lineal feet of matting on both sides of the river at a cost of over $40,000. This work is to replace the large dyke put in last winter, costing over $120,000, and which was taken out by the ice last spring.

FARMERS FLOCK TO INSTITUTES

Lectures and Demonstrations Prove Profitable.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The annual Farmers' institute closed a two days' session with a fine crowd at the opera house Thursday evening and the session throughout is pronounced a decided success. The rain and bad weather was against the first day, but the attendance kept constantly increasing until the close, much interest being manifested in the improved methods of farming and stock raising. A number of literary and musical selections were given by the home talent throughout the session. The principal speakers from outside were C. G. Marshall, Lincoln; Andrew Elliott, Galt, Ontario; A. D. Miller and S. R. McKelvie, Lincoln.

The farmers were treated to a horse and hog judging demonstration at the sale pavilion conducted by experts along these lines. There was also provided a number of premiums for seed corn and the display was excellent. A number of cash prizes were awarded on both corn and wheat as well as on some domestic work. Officers for the coming year were chosen as follows: O. E. Zook, president; Frank Fergur, vice president; Harry Avery, treasurer; Frank Rist, secretary.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. H. Wolfe of Tecumseh gave some "Poultry Pointers" at the Johnson county farmers' institute Thursday afternoon which were pointers, sure enough. Miss Edna Ross gave a recitation and A. Gregg of Tecumseh spoke of the "Possibilities of a Garden." Miss Delyra Dunlap gave a vocal solo and Mrs. W. A. Apperson gave an address on the subject "The Value of an Ideal." The session was favored with a recitation by Miss Vinita Carnes, after which the annual election of officers occurred. They were: Gentlemen's officers—President, W. K. Taylor; vice president, D. L. Way; secretary, C. V. Douglas; treasurer, D. S. Warner; executive committee, Al Russell, J. M. Moyer and W. A. Clineburg. Ladies' officers—President, Mrs. William Lynch; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Wolfe; secretary, Mrs. F. G. Casford; treasurer, Mrs. George Luce; executive committee not yet named.

The session yesterday morning was opened with a violin solo by Miss Leta Russell, after which W. A. Apperson spoke of "More Good Roads," and a general discussion followed.

Serum for Hog Cholera.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. W. B. Niles of Ames, Ia., an inspector of the Agricultural department, arrived here yesterday to investigate hog cholera, of which there have been a number of cases in this county. Dr. Niles has an anti-toxins which he believes will prove a boon to farmers throughout the country. It is a preventative at one stage and a cure at another. The serum is not yet on the market, and in the few cases in which it has been used has proved a remedy. Dr. Niles went to D. V. Stephens' farm this morning and Mr. Stephens' hogs were inoculated by his directions. Dr. Niles states the serum has been used with the approval of Dr. A. D. Melvin of the federal bureau of animal industry.

Tyson Dies While Insane.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—George W. Tyson, the young farmer living ten miles north of Blair, who was bitten by a mad dog a year ago and who went insane through worrying over the trouble, died last night at the St. Bernard hospital at Council Bluffs. He was 39 years of age and was the son of Hon. Watson Tyson of this county. He leaves a wife and one child. The body will arrive here Sunday morning and will be taken under escort of the Odd Fellows' lodge to their lodge room. The funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Odd Fellows' lodge, Rev. G. L. Corley officiating.