

OVER THE STATE.

ACCIDENT ON THE RAIL.

Lincoln special to the Omaha Republican: A construction train that has been in use on the Nebraska and Colorado division of the B. & M. railroad, was thrown from the track at a point about nine miles southwest of Fairfield this afternoon, and the entire train was precipitated down an embankment twenty-five feet high. Six of the cars were totally wrecked and the engine was so badly damaged that it will probably be of little service in the future. The train was not moving very rapidly at the time of the occurrence, else the loss of life and property would have been far greater, for the cars plunged wildly down the steep decline and lay in a confused and broken mass at the bottom. How any of the persons on the ill-fated train escaped is something of a mystery.

The work of extricating the dead and wounded commenced at once, and in a brief time, four corpses, in all sorts of conditions, mangled and torn, were laid side by side. In another place sat and lay nearly a dozen groaning, wounded men. The dead are: Robert H. Marvin, hotel keeper, Neb., married; George Burke, St. Louis; Daniel O'Connor, Weston, Mo.; Robert Collins, England; Dennis Hamilton, Michigan. The latter is yet under the debris, and will not be taken out for some time, as the body is held down by the weight of a car.

The cause of the accident was a collision with a bull that refused to leave the track despite the noise of the approaching train and the shriek of the whistle. When the engine struck him he was thrown beneath the wheels instead of into the ditch and the passing of the wheels over his body was enough to lift the ponderous engine from the track. All that was possible was done for the wounded men, only one of whom it is thought to be dangerously hurt.

SHOT BY ACCIDENT.

Ainsworth special: Sherman Burns, of Keya Paha county, was visiting a neighbor Sunday. A loaded shotgun was in a wagon. The neighbor took something from the wagon, when the gun was discharged, the contents entering Burns' abdomen above the right thigh, passing to the back and making a horrible wound. Burns is 25 years old and has a wife and child. It is not thought possible for him to recover.

LIVE STOCK RATE WAR.

For some time back it has been no secret with those conversant with railroad matters, that the relations between the Omaha and Chicago roads was becoming very much strained, owing to the existing rules governing the live stock traffic. At the time of the cut in live stock rates, early in the season, an agreement was entered into by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago & Milwaukee, that they would haul all live stock from Omaha to Chicago at the proportionate rate of the through charges. This is, stock could be billed to Chicago, from any western point, by the way of Omaha, and could be halted at Omaha and reshipped, or it could be shipped to Chicago at the same rate charged for stock going straight through. The Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy insisted upon this exception being made, that all stock coming into Omaha on any of their branch lines should go out over the same road to Chicago, or otherwise be compelled to pay local rates. The enforcement of this rule was equivalent to limiting the Chicago & Rock Island and Chicago & Milwaukee to such stock as came in over the Union Pacific. It soon became apparent that they could not even depend upon the Union Pacific stock, for when a buyer buys a number of cars of cattle or hogs, and is compelled to ship one or more of them over a certain road, he quite naturally wants them all to go together, and hence that road gets the whole shipment. The Milwaukee gave up with good grace, to what appeared to be the inevitable, and looked quietly on while the other roads fought over the honor of containing the Rock Island struggled hard all summer to maintain her ground, but was compelled to see one after another of her old shippers drop off and go over to either the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy or to the Chicago & Northwestern, for the single reason that she was cut off from hauling anything except Union Pacific stock. On Wednesday evening of this week the Rock Island hauled out a train of live stock, consigned to East Cambridge, Mass., and shipped by an old patron of the Rock Island, who had lately been shipping over the other roads. W. N. Babcock, general western agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, hastened to the Omaha stock yards to investigate the reported action of the Rock Island. He looked the field over carefully and it was quite evident that he was not over and above well pleased with the outlook. He talked the matter over with the stock yards people and in the end he decided that he would stop the live stock on the line of his road from coming to Omaha unless his road could haul it out again.—Omaha Bee.

MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

The B. & M. company has commenced the survey of a line to connect the Ashland cut-off with their river road, about eight miles south of Omaha. They will cross the Union Pacific two miles from Gilmore.

Lincoln plumbers have been getting \$3.50 per day, but they want \$4, and have gone on a strike in order to obtain it.

The I. O. F. reception at Lincoln, of the members of the grand lodge was one of the most brilliant and successful of such entertainments in the history of that city.

Carl Tyschen of Lincoln, was sentenced to the reform school, but was afterward granted a thirty-day stay of action. The deferred action will place him beyond reach of the above institution, as he will be 16 years old before the thirty days expires and cannot be sent there after reaching that age.

The body of an unknown man was found along the river bank, just above the depot in Plattsmouth, last week. The body appeared to have been in the water some time, it being considerably bloated and swollen.

A puff ball forty-six inches in diameter is on exhibition at the state university at Lincoln.

Senator Gorman of Maryland, was in Omaha last Sunday and was given a reception at the rooms of the Omaha club.

Mrs. TWITCHELL, of Lincoln, 17 years old, fell dead from heart disease while waiting upon her sick husband.

The Burlington & Missouri road is showing a handsome increase of business each month in the freight department. In August the mileage in freight cars were 4,300, 300; in September 4,600,000, being an increase of 300,000 miles. In August the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy received from the Burlington & Missouri for the use of its cars \$19,172.50, and in September \$20,663.50, being at the rate of three-fourths of a cent per mile for each mile traveled over the Burlington & Missouri road. This handsome increase is a good showing for the road as well as the large increase of business in the state.

CREIGHTON COLLEGE, Omaha, is to have a new observatory, with a star clock and a fine telescope in it. The telescope, which will cost upwards of \$1,000, and the necessary machinery for operating, which will cost \$2,000 more, are now on their way.

LINCOLN special: This afternoon about 3 o'clock the head cook at the Morton house, a colored man by the name of Jones, made a deadly assault on John Shekler, the head barkeeper, stabbing him in the right leg just above the knee. The wound is about five inches long and two inches deep, but fortunately no arteries were severed. Jones had been under the influence of liquor somewhat during the day, and it was upon being refused a drink that he committed the assault. Jones, after the stabbing, ran to his home about a block off, where he was subsequently arrested. Mr. Shekler's wound is not considered dangerous, but it will confine him to his bed for a week or so.

The Rock Island track layers are expected to reach Beatrice about Nov. 1.

A LODGE of the Knights of Pythias is to be organized at Cheney.

The value of Bartley is given thus: Business buildings, \$30,705; residences, \$10,575; lots, \$15,000; in course of erection, \$8,710; goods in stores, \$75,000; lumber in the yards, etc., \$16,000.

The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road has determined to locate division shops at Long Pine and Chadron. The company has completed stock yards and water works at the former place.

BEATRICE will have its system of Holly water works in full blast in a few days.

A LINCOLN mother entrusted her daughter with \$1.30 to buy school books. Instead of doing so, however, she invested the wealth in a railroad ticket and lit out for Omaha.

Kearney special: Saturday evening Jeremiah Wilson, a farmer living northwest of Buda, started in company with William Trivelippe home from Gibbon. When out five miles from town Wilson got out to walk and attempted to draw a shot gun out of the wagon with the muzzle toward him. The hammers struck the wheel. Both barrels were discharged into the unfortunate man's body, entering the right lung sideways, completely tearing off the right side of the heart. Instant death resulted. The man had no family.

A CUTTING affray occurred at the Morton house, Nebraska City, in which John Shekler, the barkeeper, received several serious cuts from a knife in the hands of the colored cook. Shekler refused the negro liquor, which infuriated the man and led to the cutting. The assailed was fruitfully cut about the legs and lower part of the body, though the wounds are not considered fatal.

CHARLES ALTON, who for some months has been cashier of the business department of the Omaha Herald, is about to engage in the banking business in Ainsworth.

DEATH has taken another student from the state university. Miss Alice Mercer, of Harvard, died last week.

OTTO RASMUSSEN of Lincoln, was found dead in his room in that city last week.

SEVENTY-TWO sinners answered before the police judge of Omaha on Monday morning last. Most of them were ordinary cases of drunk.

The eminent Unitarian preacher, Rev. Augustus Stoford Brooke, of Dublin, has been sent to an insane asylum.

A SIX-YEAR-OLD son of Daniel M. Garff, of Marshall, Neb., a gentleman who has been visiting relatives at Grand Island, met with quite a painful accident. Finding a blank cartridge the little fellow filled it with some powder and setting a match to it was badly scorched in the face by the explosion.

A PARTY of about twenty-five Dunkards, comprising several families, bought tickets at Beatrice the other day and embarked for Gainesville, Texas, via the B. & M. and connecting lines. Said one of them who seemed to be managing the affairs of the party: "We are going down there to live. All of our party have lived here in Gage county for some time."

JULY 16, E. Hurlbut, Sr., of Columbus, purchased ten shoats which weighed 620 pounds. He sold them back to Mr. Wiggins Oct. 4, when the lot weighed 2,000. During the two months and eighteen days that Mr. Hurlbut fed these hogs, the feed—ninety barrels of buttermilk and forty bushels of corn—cost him \$17. The shoats cost him \$25. He sold the lot when fattened for \$77, leaving a net profit of \$35 on the investment.

At Lincoln, J. E. Pugh was sentenced to two years in the pen for an assault on Conductor Ballinger of the B. & M. with intent to kill, the weapon used was a large knife. He pleaded guilty.

STUDENTS at Bartley can get board and room, with stove, chair, stand and bedstead, for \$2.50 per week.

OMAHA'S postoffice is becoming too small for the business crowding upon it.

HASTINGS has put up 175 houses thus far this season and the number will be very materially increased before the building season is over.

BERNARD KIRSCHSTEIN, an employe on the new railroad bridge at Omaha, died last week from the caisson disease.

THERE are at this time 131 children in the reform school at Kearney; 31 of these are girls.

FROM Scribner to Oakdale the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road will build a branch line. The road will be about 110 miles long and will run through Albion.

OMAHA has organized a Flambeau club. The object of the club is to give pyrotechnic and flambeau exhibitions on political and other big occasions when their services are desired. There will be 100 men in uniform all carrying flambeaux and fireworks at each display, besides a gun club of twenty-five men and a drum corps of eight boys.

The people of Lancaster at the county election will vote on the question of township organization.

The wife of James Drenning, of Lyons has employed an attorney to bring suit against two of Oakland's saloon men, for selling her husband liquor, causing him to fall from his horse, breaking one of his arms.

THERE were ninety-four new postoffices established in Nebraska from January 1st to August 1st.

THE B. & M. contemplate extensive improvements at Plattsmouth.

The funeral of Frank Wheeler, the young university student, took place at Lincoln and was largely attended.

The district fair at Friend drew a large attendance.

The Presbyterian synod of Nebraska held sessions in Omaha last week. Reports were made showing the progress of the church work in the five different presbyteries that comprise the synod. The reports were highly gratifying, exhibiting a marked increase of the church membership and a growing interest in the cause by the pastors and people of the state. The synodical missionary also made his annual report showing the condition of the missionary work in Nebraska. The reports were received and discussed fully by the members of the synod, after which they were referred to the various committees.

S. H. CALHOUN, of Nebraska City, the new appointee of the office of collector of internal revenue for this district, will soon take charge of the office. His bond for \$125,000, signed by sureties, who qualified for twice that amount, has been sent to Washington for approval.

LINCOLN has tested her system of water works and pronounced the same satisfactory.

The next convention of the W. C. T. U., of Nebraska, will be held in Beatrice.

AT FAIRMOUNT, Henry Musselman was thrown from his buggy, receiving severe concussion of the brain and injury to the spine.

FIRE at Norfolk destroyed property to the extent of \$40,000 last week.

An unknown disease, which is very sudden and fatal in its results, has appeared among the horses at Wakefield.

FIRE broke out last week in one of the smoke houses of Boyd's packing house at Omaha. The fire department was called out and speedily extinguished the blaze. There were about 30,000 pounds of meat in the house and a large proportion of this was damaged. The loss will be about \$1,000.

The fifteenth annual session of the grand encampment I. O. O. F. of Nebraska convened at the Odd Fellows hall in Lincoln last week. There was a full attendance of grand officers and members. The reports of the grand officers show a reasonable growth and increase in this branch of Odd Fellowship in Nebraska. The encampment being a higher branch of the order, is never expected to increase in a ratio commensurate with the subordinate lodge. The entire number of members in the state is 675, distributed between about twenty subdivisions. Two new encampments were instituted last year, through which there came in about fifty members.

LAST week Fresno Celles, a convict employed in digging potatoes near the penitentiary, stole away from his guard and made his escape by creeping through the high prairie grass until he was out of sight. He was missed at once and a vigorous search was begun. Guards scoured the country in every direction and the telephone and telegraph were used in making arrangements for the capture of the runaway. He was tracked down and surrounded by the guards before 9 o'clock in the evening and taken back to the pen and secured. His few hours of freedom will cost several days "good time," and may also cause him some other inconvenience.

ELDER HOWE predicts a good deal of want among the poor of Lincoln the coming winter.

LINCOLN'S police court has been running light of late, not because there is no offenders in the city, but the trouble is the police don't catch them.

The conductor of a construction train to which an accident recently occurred claimed he was not making more than ten miles an hour when the wreck occurred.

FRED GRANZILL, of Fremont, was last week kicked by a mule, being badly bruised about the face.

SPARKS from locomotives and prairie fires are destroying a great deal of hay.

The report as given by the grand lodge officers of the I. O. O. F. show the order to be in a very flattering condition in the state. There are 137 subordinate lodges in good working condition with a total contributing membership of 5,505, being a gain during the year of 477. The treasurer shows a balance in his hands of \$5,570.26, being a gain of over \$300 over the balance of last year. The following new lodges have been instituted since the last session: McCook lodge, No. 137, located at McCook in Red Willow county; Lincoln lodge, No. 183, located at Lincoln, Lancaster county; Davenport lodge, No. 139, located at Davenport, Thayer county; Chadron lodge, No. 140, located at Chadron, Dawes county; Shelton lodge, No. 141, located at Shelton, Buffalo county; North Loup lodge, No. 142, located at North Loup, Valley county; Vesper Star lodge, No. 26, R. D., located at Orleans, Harlan county.

OMAHA merchants are subject to much delay and annoyance by freight blockades, the Union Pacific not having yards large enough to accommodate the enormous business crowding upon it.

MRS. KATE SHOUGROE, of Omaha, is seeking a divorce from her brutal husband. The various acts of inhuman conduct culminated the other night when he knocked her down and beat her with a potato masher. For this he is now in jail awaiting trial.

MISS SMITH, the librarian at the state university, fell on the walk before her home sustaining a compound fracture of the bones in the left ankle, which will confine her to the house for two or three months.

SOME covey fowls took all the seeds out of the mammoth squash at the Red Willow County fair. He cut a large "plug" out of the bottom of the squash, removed the seeds, replaced the "plug," and the squash presented the natural appearance until turned down side up.

LIEUT. DUDLEY, of the state university, received a letter a few days ago from the parents and brothers of the late Frank L. Wheeler, which was read at the close of the drill Tuesday evening. "Words cannot express our thanks to you, the cadets and the members of the band for the honor, courtesy and kindness extended to our dear Frank during his late illness and death. If the prayers of his parents and brothers for the happiness and safety of you all can avail anything, you certainly have them. Frank was always so proud of the cadets and band, and we know if he could see the respect you paid him he looked down upon you and blessed you all."

A MAN named Canada is under arrest at Decatur, Burt county, who had in his possession four horses which it is alleged were stolen from some person in Ohio. The prisoner admits that he is from Ohio, but claims he can prove himself the lawful owner of the horses.

FROM time to time General Manager Callaway of the Union Pacific has had prepared for him tables showing the number of fires which are caused along the lines of the Union Pacific by flying sparks. These statistics so far have shown that the most of these fires are caused by engines which have the "straight stack." In rare instances the destructive sparks came from a "bulge head" stack.

SPARKS from a passenger train on the Union Pacific set fire to the prairie grass and destroyed one hundred tons of hay for Wm. Brand and D. Dye. They have entered a claim for damages.

GENERAL MANAGER HOLDRIDGE is reported as denying the report that the Burlington & Missouri is contemplating an air line from Omaha to Deadwood.

In twenty days the Union Pacific handled 40,005 freight cars in Omaha.

A GOOD PLACE FOR THEM.

Where the Captured Apaches are to Spend the Remainder of Their Days.

Washington dispatch: There need be no doubt of the severity of the punishment of the Apaches. They are to be confined at Fort Pickens and Fort Marion, Florida, and are to take their chances of escaping the yellow fever, should that epidemic visit that post, as it so often has done. It has been an open question whether in the event of the approach of the yellow fever the Indians should be removed to a camp in a more healthful locality. It has not been found practical to provide for removing them in such an emergency. The consequence is that they will not only be exposed to the fever, but that the soldiers who guard them will not be able to go to a camp where the disease is not so prevalent. The old custom when the fever has appeared there. Stations at these posts will not therefore be considered as very desirable by the military officers. Fort Pickens, where the leaders of the hostile bands are to pass the remainder of their lives in close confinement, is situated on a spot of sand just at the entrance of Pensacola harbor. Two companies of artillery are usually stationed at the fort, but at the approach of the yellow fever season the garrison is withdrawn into the interior, and at present is located at Atlanta. The Indians will be kept in a permanent guard detail to hold them as prisoners. Their close confinement at the isolated fort, far away from their wives and children, who are relegated to Fort Marion, is regarded by military officials as very severe punishment, and they think that the Apaches will feel it terribly. Their family affection is very strong and their association with their wives and children is the only softening characteristic of their life, which otherwise is one continuous struggle.

CHARLESTON AGAIN SHAKEN UP.

Charleston special: Two severe shocks of earthquake were felt this afternoon at Blackville, a hundred miles from Charleston. They are said to be the severest since August 31. Two sharp shocks were also felt at 2:45 a. m., at Summerville, Columbia and Augusta. Reports from all parts of the neighboring states show that the seismic disturbances covered a larger area than any of the previous shocks. The custom house of this city was badly shaken, and the walls on the west side have settled perceptibly. The shock at 2:45 p. m., lasted about thirty seconds, and the one this morning is thought to have lasted a full minute. No loss of life has been reported, and business is progressing as usual. Another shock occurred here at 7:05 p. m., of a slighter character than the preceding ones; it was at 5:22 a. m., and 2:45 p. m. The details received to-night from the surrounding territory show that to-day's disturbance was very generally felt throughout this state. The vibrations also extended through lower Georgia, including Augusta and Savannah. The center of the disturbances appears to be Charleston and Summerville, from which places the earth waves seem to have radiated in all directions, their force lessening with the distance from the points named. The South Carolina railroad officials report that the track between Charleston and Summerville is showing considerable separation of the rails from to-day's shocks, particularly near the Ten Mile hill. No panic or excitement here to-night, although some uneasiness is generally felt. At 11:55 p. m. there was another shock of earthquake. The detonation was sharp like artillery. But a moderate vibration followed it.

TIMELY DONATIONS.

Galveston special: The popular movement in this section to raise funds for the benefit of those who suffered by the recent floods is still being pushed vigorously. The ladies of Galveston have organized a committee to canvass the city, and have thus far collected 175 boxes of clothing and supplies, together with some \$250 in cash. Contributions are also coming in from over the state. Houston having sent several car loads of clothing and supplies. The mayor of Beaumont has received telegrams from C. P. Huntington, donating \$1,000 on behalf of the Southern Pacific railway company, and from Col. A. H. Belo, donating \$500. The total amount of the fund is about \$20,000. It is thought that the sum will reach \$100,000 at the end of the next ten days.

THE MEN RETURN TO WORK.

The Great Strike in Chicago a Thing of the Past.

Chicago special: The great strike, involving over 20,000 men, which has been in progress at the stock yards for ten days, came to an end late this afternoon, the strikers agreeing to return to work on a basis of ten hours a day, without exacting any conditions. The settlement was unexpected and in many respects a remarkable one. It is well known that several persons of anarchistic tendencies have been urging the men on and pressing them to remain out, and the return of the strikers to work is a decided set-back for these agitators. The large body of conservative men among the strikers viewed with dismay the rapidity and ease with which Armour was filling his houses with green hands, and appreciated the force of his statement that it would only take a little time and patience to make them as proficient as the strikers. This, it is thought, had much to do with the final decision of the men, which was made at a large mass meeting held on the prairie beyond the stock yards this afternoon. The intervention of the Richmond delegates and committeemen was as completely ignored by the meeting as was the advice of professional agitators, and Mr. Barry had nothing to do at 4 p. m. but to go before Mr. Armour and announce to him that the strike was off unconditionally. The men will receive an average of fifty cents a day more for the extra time they will work.

WHAT ARMOUR'S STATEMENT WAS.

"There has been no compromise, no settlement," said Mr. Armour this noon. "Armour & Co. wouldn't know there was a strike if it hadn't been for the numbers of men that come here looking for work." "It is announced that the strike is at an end. What is the basis of the agreement?" "There is none. Mr. Barry sent me word asking if I would be in my office at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. I said I would. I expect he will be here, but there will be no conference, no council. There is nothing to settle. The men want to go back to work; that's all." "Will you dismiss any of the new men to make room for the old ones?" "No, sir. I am a civil service reformer, and believe in standing by men that stood by me. This is not the way we do business. Do you think the house of Armour & Co. would be where it now stands if it hadn't principles? No, sir. We will discharge no man unless he proves incompetent, and we had men enough, good men, too, three days ago, to start up just the same as if nothing happened. You see there is nothing in our business requiring any particular skill. Any handy man can be taught the business in a little while. But the old men forget this. They forget that others could be instructed in the business just as well as they were, and they went out. But Armour & Co. have no ill-feeling against them. We could not yield to the eight-hour plan—it would not pay. That's all there is to it."

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THE SALVATION ARMY.

London special: The staff council of the Salvation Army have issued the following order: "In future no salvation will be given to courting by either sex or to any engagement of any male lieutenant. He must be promoted to the rank of captain before any thing of the kind can be recognized. The captain is not to expect headquarters to consent to his marriage either, after two years' service or more, unless he has proven himself an efficient and successful officer, who, in consenting to his marriage, must agree to give him three months. In future no marriage will be agreed to by headquarters unless we have consented to the engagement at least a year before. The old rules remain in force. There must be at least twelve months' service in the job as a commissioned officer before any engagement can be sanctioned."

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THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for OMAHA and NEW YORK, listing various commodities like WHEAT, RYE, CORN, OATS, BUTTER, EGGS, CHICKENS, LEMONS, ORANGES, APPLES, BEANS, ONIONS, POTATOES, HONEY, TOMATOES, VEGGIES, SEEDS, SKIDS, HAY, and SHEEP with their respective prices.

CHICAGO.

Table listing Chicago market prices for FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, LARD, HOGS, CATTLE, and SHEEP.

ST. LOUIS.

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KANSAS CITY.

Table listing Kansas City market prices for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, and SHEEP.

EFFECTS OF THE GREAT STORM.

Further Investigation Shows That the Situation has not Been Exaggerated.

BEAUMONT, TEX., Oct. 15.—The first reports of the great disaster at Sabine Pass were not in the least exaggerated, in fact they underestimated the number of deaths caused by the storm. The death toll now reaches ninety fully 100 persons met their deaths on the night of the gale.

The relief party that went down as near Sabine as possible on the Sabine and East Texas railroad could not get within twelve miles of the ruined town.

Over a dozen tow-boats have been sent there and are at work saving life and property.

There is considerable back water yet at Sabine, hemmed in and held there by the railroad embankment.

The most intense excitement has prevailed here since the first news of the fearful catastrophe. The people have neither ate nor slept and crowds have surrounded the depot and wharves waiting for the return of the train or the boat from the devastated town.

The steamboat L. Q. C. Lamar left Orange Wednesday night at 10 o'clock with a relief committee on board. When she would return, no one knew; but a consular watch was kept at Orange and here.

THE RELIEF BOAT RETURNS.

At exactly midnight last night the whistle of the Lamar was heard. The people hurried helter-skelter to hear the news and receive the sick and destitute.

The relief committee aboard the Lamar consisted of twenty citizens from Beaumont and about forty from Orange. They traveled up the Neches river between 4 and midnight, which was an extraordinary trip fraught with fearful danger. It was only after the committee were left at Sabine Pass to recover some of the bodies, many of which are reported to have been washed a dozen miles over into Louisiana.

The members of the relief committee who returned were so tired and worn out and so overcome by the horrible devastation that they witnessed that it was next to impossible to get coherent stories from them, and as each of the rescued refugees was surrounded by about a hundred people it was equally impossible to get detailed accounts from any of them.

The exact extent of the storm swept district is not known. From reports brought by the committee it is certain that the flooded district embraces an expanse of country many times larger than at first supposed. The gulf seems to have moved over the land for miles in one high unbroken wall of water.

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