

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Continuation of the Election of Officers for the Auxiliary Departments.

MOST OF THE GOOD PLACES FILLED NOW

Another Discussion on the Proposition to Remove the Time Limit on the Factors' Work But No Decision Reached Yet.

Some more men were made happy yesterday at the Methodist conference. The election of heads of departments was continued and the results ended the heartsache for some and filled the bosoms of others with satisfaction.

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The new division started first, and then almost the whole block started off down stream, and the report of the rending and breaking of timbers sounded almost like the sharp crack of cannon. At 11 o'clock there was not a sign of the hog yards left.

The large corn cribs, containing several thousand bushels of corn, were also carried away. Scale houses and all buildings were taken with the flood. The cattle yards at the time mentioned were mostly intact, but the south portion was floating with the evident possibility that it would soon follow the hog pens and sheds. About three loads of hogs were all that were confined in the hog yards. Two double decks of those purchased yesterday by Cudahy Brothers of Milwaukee were detained last night by washouts. On the approach of high water they were loaded into Milwaukee doubles, but they were also detained by the water putting out the fires in the engine.

When seen from the south, the engine had crept to the east and one of the cars to the west. The roadbed is composed mostly of ashes, and the engine and cars settled down into the mud. The elevated chutes leading from division No. 3 to the old Boice plant, into which quite a number of cattle had been driven, collapsed on the west side away of the supports, and most of the cattle were drowned. It is feared that the walls of the packing houses are badly injured. An immense amount of stored meat is certainly destroyed.

Watching the Flood.

The elevated road served as a great point of observation to thousands of onlookers. Every car from Jones street to the Leech street station was crowded with Leech and sightseers, and from station to station the tracks were lined with men and boys. Many were armed with ropes and long poles ready to render assistance should the occasion require. And their services were brought into use a great many times and most of them were very successful.

William Mills, a laboring man, was one of these. He came sailing down with the tide when he appeared to be a common dry goods box. Long before he reached the trestle work he had attracted the people's attention and the life saving crew. A rope was lowered and in waiting. Just before he reached it, however, the box turned and Mills all but disappeared. He succeeded in grasping hold and was quickly hoisted up onto the elevated tracks. A number of lives were saved in the same way. At the Omaha bridge there is piled up on the other side thousands of new railroad ties, and reaching out from each side of the pier for a distance of nearly 200 feet the ties are wedged in solidly up to a height of nearly twenty feet. It was here that the worst danger for little 5-year-old Nellie was unable to get away from the flood in time. The father and two children were safe and the rescuing party were returning for Mrs. West and her child when the waves swept the house away.

There is only one telegraph wire working out of the city and that runs to Omaha. It is not in good condition, and the work of sending out news is greatly retarded.

LATER REPORTS.

Terrible Loss of Life, and Damage to Property Will Reach Millions.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 18.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—8:15 p. m.—The water is slowly receding tonight. A citizens' meeting at the court house is organizing to provide several thousand people with shelter. The damage to property will reach \$1,500,000. The loss of the Sioux City & Northern railroad will exceed \$300,000.

Miles of cedar block paving has been washed out. At noon 375 people had registered for relief, and the applications had then only just begun.

The scenes along the verge of the waters are pitiful. The loss of life will be very large, although it is difficult in this confusion to learn names. At Springdale, a suburb, a woman has stood in the second story of a house 300 yards out, holding her baby out of the waters and is still there at 8 o'clock tonight. Two men have been drowned in the attempt to rescue her. The difficulty has been the gale of wind, which has blown great guns all day. Houses are being broken up all the time.

Funds for Flood Sufferers.

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