

THE GREAT TRANSFORM

ITS WIDESPREAD DAMAGE BEING RAPIDLY REPAIRED.

The Railroads are again running nearly on time—May 7.—The situation still critical at some of the River Towns—Inland Lake & Lake.

CHICAGO, May 6.—So far as the railroads are concerned the worst effects of the great rainfalls have been over the roads, though it will be several days yet before all the repairs can be fully made and business resume its wonted regularity.

The Santa Fe road was perhaps the heaviest sufferer by the flood on all accounts and traffic has resumed only on the roads, though it will be several days yet before all the repairs can be fully made and business resume its wonted regularity.

There were no less than a dozen different wrecks on this road between Chicago and Fort Madison. The worst of these was just south of Lockport, where the raging canal burst its banks and overflowed its tracks from the point near to Juliet. Trains between these points had to be diverted to the Rock Island tracks, which, being higher than the Santa Fe between these points, escaped all damage. The other wrecks were nearly all of points east of Chicago. The destruction of the bridge and the damage done was easily repaired.

Southwest of Juliet the Rock Island suffered more severely than the Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe was again diverted north of Juliet, so it used the Santa Fe's south of it. Wasteful of greater or less extent occurred near Uta, Spring Valley, Marcellus and Tiskilwa. Most of the damage done was not repaired, however, and as the floods are going down all trains left Chicago on time today, while those coming from the West are still several hours late.

Three wrecks occurred in Iowa on the Burlington tracks, one at the Mount Pleasant and the other at the bridge over the Des Moines river. The tracks at the latter point were away three different times, but were replaced almost as quickly as they disappeared. The structure was damaged with much less damage than either the Rock Island or Santa Fe. Traffic was not stopped on it at all, but it was delayed, and the longest delay reported to any of its passenger trains was less than an hour. The Burlington took charge of the Santa Fe's passengers yesterday which that road was unable to send over the river.

All Indians, from Monon to Hammond, is reported to be one "safe" place, however, its tracks being elevated above the highest point reached by the surging water.

No damage whatever was done on the Chicago & North Western, the Chicago & St. Paul & Kansas City or the Illinois Central roads. Trains on them are running on time, and the latter is in no way interfered with.

While the storm raged all through the night and into the morning, the traffic on the Rock Island, Kansas and Nebraska, railroad traffic was not interfered with west of the mouth of the Missouri. The traffic was confined to the territory drained by the Mississippi. No estimate of the damage to the Santa Fe was made, but the track on the storm can yet be made.

WATERS STILL RISING.

The Illinois and Fox Rivers Now Two Feet Higher.

OTAWA, Ill., May 6.—The waters in the Illinois and Fox rivers are today two feet above the highest point reached by the flood, and are still rising, showing that the great storm of Wednesday night covered a greater extent of territory than was at first reported. More residences and factories that escaped the deluge of Wednesday were now being struck, and business in Ottawa is ruined for a week or two. The glass district is still inundated despite the heroic efforts made to free it of the waters, and the factories along the river are utterly ruined. The district is now being struck in places where hundreds of families, from three to six feet under water, and in all parts of the town, and the water is still rising.

At Marcellus the river is as high as at Ottawa, and is still rising. The water was all but destroyed, and as it is steadily rising the prospect that it may go to Ottawa is not bright. The river is strengthened, however, and it is possible that it may withstand the torrent. At LaSalle the situation was not so desperate than it was last night, the water having advanced from two to three miles all around the town. The factories, the water works, street railway and electric light plants still being in operation. The same condition is present at Peru and in both cities all business is practically suspended, even the streets being deserted. At Uta the waters have encroached upon the lower end of the village from the river, and the water is still rising.

Ottawa, Marcellus, LaSalle and Peru are without electric light and gas today and tonight these lights will be in darkness. The waters still are being raised, and the street railway is useless.

THE SANTA FE WRECK.

The Cars All Demolished But One—The Dead Buried.

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—The scene of the Santa Fe wreck was visited this morning and it presents a very sad appearance. The cars are all completely demolished with the exception of the last in the train. The dead bodies were laid out at Ballards & Johnson's undertaking establishment last night and presented a shocking sight. The body of a woman was found by Mrs. G. Baugh of San Bernardino. Many of the passengers left at 10 o'clock last night for Chicago and other local points. Among them was Major Wood, the editor of the Topeka Capital.

A BIG LAND DEAL.

WEST BAY CITY, Mich., May 6.—S. O. Fisher has completed a deal by which he has secured 100 acres of land in the town of West Bay City. The land is the Dodge estate. The price paid is not known. The land is covered with pine and hardwood timber, and considerable quantities of the best in the state. The pine will probably be brought here to be sawed.

FAMINE AND DEATH.

RUSSIAN'S TERRIBLE SITUATION WAS NOT EXAGGERATED.

Charles Emory Smith Talks of His Experience at St. Petersburg—Gratitude for the American Donation—The Famine Will End With the June Crisis.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—Charles Emory Smith went to Washington today to present to President Harrison his resignation as minister to Russia. He will resign so that he may take up unincumbered the duties of the minister to the United States. His position is to go to St. Petersburg, and the approaching presidential campaign he cites as a reason for his action.

When asked about the famine and the conditions in the Russian Empire, Mr. Smith said: "Every grain of corn and cent of money landed at Libau or Riga was made to go as far as it could, and absolutely nothing has been wasted. I did not go up into the famine districts, but I saw the conditions everywhere, and I can say that the reports of the famine were not exaggerated. In fact it would take a mind of unusual imaginative powers to exaggerate the reports of the famine."

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THE STATE OF TRADE.

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

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FOUR DRINKING WATER.

CHICAGO'S SUPPLY IN DANGER OF CONTAMINATION.

The unprecedented rains come high Water in the Chicago River and it is Pouring the Fills of a Great City Out Toward the City—Great Alarm.

CHICAGO, May 6.—Chicago's water supply is threatened with contamination such as would breed wholesale disease and death. The recent extraordinary rains have swollen the Chicago river to an unprecedented height, and it is pouring a tremendous flood of pollution into the lake. The sewers are filled to bursting and are also vomiting a mass of indescribable filth which is slowly but surely reaching out toward the intakes.

The city officials are greatly alarmed at the outlook and are watching the onward flow of black, dirty water toward the city with much anxiety. The water is being pumped out of the city and they cannot be pumped out until the sewers are relieved of the pressure. The water is being pumped out of the city and they cannot be pumped out until the sewers are relieved of the pressure.

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THIS RUDES HIM OUT.

HARRISON WILL NOT BE NOMINATED BY SOUTHERN VOTES.

If Northern States do Not Nominate Him He Will Decline to Run—He Recognizes the Fact That the Republican States Should Name the Candidate.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The president is said to have announced at a cabinet meeting that if the nomination depended upon the Southern votes he will not accept it. Mr. Harrison recognizes the fact that the Southern states will elect Republican members of the electoral college if he heads the ticket, and he does not wish to owe his nomination to the South.

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FLOODS IN MICHIGAN.

The St. Joseph River Higher Than It Has Been for Years.

DENTON HARBOR, May 6.—The rains have been so heavy here this spring, and St. Joseph river is higher than for ten years. Bridges have been swept away, and large trees, driftwood and boatloads carried lakeward. Docks and other buildings, rendered unsafe, are in actual danger of being carried away.

A COLLEGE SCOURGED.

THE EPIDEMIC IN THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Another Case of Diphtheria Makes It Apparent—Every Member Has Been Isolated by the Disease—An Examination Will Be Made by Experts.

LANSING, Mich., May 6.—A new case of diphtheria has developed at the agricultural college, this time in Wells Hall, a building in which there has been no diphtheria this year. There was a mild case there last fall, but there has been diphtheria in every dormitory upon the grounds, and it is a grave question with the college faculty what they are going to do about it.

No steps have been taken looking toward a quarantine but the matter was the subject of consideration at a faculty meeting at the faculty yesterday. It was finally decided to call a committee of experts to examine into all the sanitary conditions of the college, the committee to consist of a skillful and experienced physician, well informed in matters of sanitation, and a bacteriologist, and a sanitary engineer. President Clute has the matter in charge and will give it immediate attention.

The name of the latest victim is H. E. Peck of Jackson. Dr. Hyatt, of the University of Michigan, is the attending physician. The disease is a very serious one, and it is a grave question with the college faculty what they are going to do about it.

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MARTIN. In the residence of Mrs. J. Big...

Washington, May 7. — For Lower Michigan: Fair; northerly winds.

CITY AND SUBURBS.

The Democrat has a fine ball club that is ready to meet all comers.

Peter Doran of the base ball club and Doran is in Bay City on legal business.

John Gillen of Salina is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Ward of Plainfield avenue.

W. M. Palmer of the firm of Palmer, Meech & Co. has returned from a business trip in the east.

They are many applicants for the position of keeper of the poor. The position pays \$800 a year.

Mrs. William DeYoung of Ionia street is visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Harris, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Ward.

At the meeting of the state E. S. A. society at Battle Creek Mrs. Ketchum of this city was elected president.

The contract for building the new pond at the foot of Hill street was let yesterday to Barth & Son for \$25.

A family of 160 Chinese boys were playing circus last night when a patrolman called upon them and stopped it.

A gospel temperance meeting will be held at the Swedish Baptist church, corner of Turner and Fifth street, this evening.

Hasley Blair was "cutting capers" on South Lons street last night and will answer to a charge of disorderly this morning.

The John Dunne wind who was in jail is not John Dunne wind of Irving Place. The latter is a popular pup in the Central school.

Martin Elombas of South Prospect street and Miss Mary Hall of Hill street City are to be married a week from next Wednesday.

Edmund Clancy of Ann Arbor who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Griffin, for the past week returned home yesterday.

The new white helmets for the policemen will appear upon the streets tomorrow morning, change day.

The Fountain street Baptist church strawberry festival announced for this evening has been postponed for a week owing to the cold weather.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Hospital will be held at the home, 99 East Second street, next Monday afternoon at 2:30.

W. S. Stevens, clerk of Police court, has been visiting his house, where he was found at his house by the use of a new telephone just placed in position.

Lewis Fleming has been arrested in the saloon corner of Goldbrook and Ottawa streets. Lew is popular with the boys and knows how to treat them right.

James Moorman and Reben Williams have been elected delegates from Alpine to the People's party county convention to be held in the Circuit court room next Tuesday.

Henry Spring and George Wandy are in Washington for a day or two. The former is on his way home from New York and the latter on a trip through the South.

A. G. Amerser recently appointed superintendent of the Kalamazoo division of the Lake Shore road has arrived in the city and will live at the New Livingston to the present.

Contractors are laying the water main in Lake avenue. They began at the corner of Cherry street just west of the Boulevard and will connect with the old main at East street.

H. O. Rose of Petoskey passed through the city yesterday on his way home from Muskegon. He says the Arlington will be ready to accommodate resorters by the month of next summer.

The second track on the street railway line to the lake is laid in Wealthy avenue from East street to Detroit avenue. It is expected the line will be opened a week from tomorrow.

William E. Thompson succeeded Volmar to receive \$1,100, claimed to be due on a promissory note given at Detroit, Dec. 19, 1890, due in one year.

Richard O'Donnell, car leader at the McCord & Bradford factory, was badly injured yesterday by the falling of a heavy package. He was taken to his room at the Windsor, 14 Lyon street, and attended by Dr. McPherson.

Martin C. DeJager, First ward; Isaac Quick, Third ward; Frederick Lockwood, Fourth ward; Theodore Brinkley, Seventh ward; and Henry Zoellner, Eighth ward, are the extra jurors drawn yesterday for the May term.

A syndicate, composed of Mayor S. H. E. Knapp, Judge D. H. D. J. Meris, S. A. Morman and C. E. Meris, has bought the Smith property, fifteen acres just south of Houseman's fair ground addition. Consideration \$3,500.

James Martin, a young man with his arm broken, called at headquarters last night and said he had walked from Pittsburgh and was on his way to Mackinaw City. He was without money and was turned over to the superintendent of poor.

THE THEATERS.

Leader: "Ed R. Salter, manager of 'Ole Olsen' quartet, will at the close of the season... Swedish Ladies' quartet to Stockholm, and there organizes a concert party to tour Sweden, Norway, Denmark and part of Germany.

The Ada Gray company was very well pleased last night with the large audience, and the audience was very well pleased with the company.

Redmond's opera house will present to its patrons for the coming week commencing tomorrow night a romantic Irish dramatic opera.

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The Nitrate Fields of Chili.

The caliche, or raw nitrate of soda, is not equally distributed over the pampas of Chili. The most abundant deposits are situated on the slopes of the hills, which probably formed the shores of the old lagoons.

The mode in which the caliche is excavated is as follows: A hole is bored through the chaca, costra and caliche layers till the cova or soft earth is reached below. It is then enlarged until it is wide enough to admit a small boy being let down, who scrapes away the earth below the caliche so as to form a little hollow cone.

The Age of Fresh Eggs. As to just how old the eggs may be when they get into the hands of the consumer in this town is a matter for conjecture, and a task that would cause pleasant thrills in one inclined to mathematics.

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A Grand Masquerade Ball.

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As a strictly union paper shop we are headquarters for union painters and paperhangers. Orders by mail or phone will be received our immediate attention.

CHILDREN'S pretzel matinee this afternoon at the World's Clock exposition (formerly World's museum). It is instructive and amusing for the little folks. Children's admission only 5 cents.

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