

THE FLOOD AT READING.

The Reading Press mentions the following losses by the flood. The report of the loss of many lives we are happy to find were erroneous.

From the Potstown (Montgomery) Ledger. TREMENDOUS ERESHET. Monday the 23d inst., will be marked in the local history of Schuylkill Valley.

As a large fragment of one of the upper bridges passed this point a fine "porker" seemed to be very contentedly promenading upon the floor.

At this place the water was eight feet higher than the July freshet, and about three feet higher than the great "pumpkin freshet" which occurred sixty-one years ago.

We understand that one span, or half of the Potstown bridge (which was swept before the large fragments of the upper bridge reached this point) remained almost entire, and came endwise against the fine new bridge at Lawrenceville, 6 miles below this place, and passed through it, breaking the timbers of one span completely, but the roof, strange as it may seem remaining entire and in its place.

At this time a part of the Royer's Ford bridge was already swept off, thus clearing the river of bridges from thence to Potstown.

A thrilling scene occurred at Douglassville. A family, not anticipating, like many others, so unusual a rise of water, remained in the house, which is of stone, until it was impossible for them to leave it.

The Navigation Company have received a severe shock. The loss of property to private citizens, in the aggregate, along the valley of the river, is immense, and to particularize would be impossible.

All extra from the Carbon Democrat gives an account of the flood on the Lehigh, from which we make the following extract:

It is admitted by all, that the current of water was greater than during the great flood of 1841.

The Upper Section of the Lehigh Navigation has suffered somewhat from the washing away of the embankments, but can be made navigable in the course of two weeks.

The Lower Section has again been materially injured, as the recent breaks were not sufficiently strong to withstand a flood so un-expected and unparalleled.

It is believed, however, that with the force the Company can at once place upon the canal, that it can be made passable for boats in four weeks.

A portion of the Mauch Chunk dam, after having withstood the force of the freshet, gave way about 6 o'clock last evening.

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ARRIVAL OF THE EMPIRE CITY. TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA. Over \$500,000 in Gold Dust. \$1,500,000 on the way. GEN. RILEY RETURNED.

FRIGHTFUL RAVAGES OF THE CHOLERA. NEW YORK, Sept. 5. The steamship Empire City from Chagres, via Kingston, Jamaica, reached her wharf at 10 o'clock this morning.

The steamship Georgia, which is on her way, with the mails, has about a million and a half of dollars on board.

The Empire City brings no mails, but has papers from San Francisco to the 1st of August—two weeks later than the last advices.

Among her passengers is Brigadier General Bennett Riley, ex-Governor of California. Hon. S. Woodworth, U. S. Senator from California, is also among the passengers.

CHOLERA ON THE "PANAMA." The steamship Panama had arrived to Panama from San Francisco, with the mails to August 1st.

Other accounts are that fifty persons died of it. Among the victims were Capt. G. P. Manchester, of Martha's vineyard, and Capt. Ashley, of Mystic, Conn.

FROM THE ISTHMIUS. Persons coming through from Chagres report that the Gorgona road is almost impassible. Most people take the Cruces road.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—The news from the mines is somewhat discouraging. The rivers are yet too high to work advantage, and the ravines have not dried up.

MURDERS AND DISTURBANCES. The troubles at the Southern mines, particularly in the neighborhood of Sonora, continue. The accounts of murders committed there are frightful and the end is not yet come.

The Mexicans and Chilians will be driven from the mines, and armed forces have been organized to carry this determination into effect.

A ridiculous affair occurred at the same time at the National Hotel. The ladies, God bless them! being for the Union par excellence, had resolved to illuminate their parlor, and did so in handsome style.

A number of murders and highway robberies have been committed by Mexican Guerilla bands, and the chief of one band is now in prison.

THE PROSPECT OF A large business in San Francisco this fall is encouraging.

Workmen are engaged in grading and planing the streets in view of the rainy season. Artesian wells and reservoirs have been made and fire companies organized.

VANDALISM.—The beautiful sculptured stone presented by the State of South Carolina for the Washington Monument was wantonly defaced by some miscreant, in Washington, on Sunday last.

EMOND LAFAYETTE, a grandson of the early friend of America, was among the passengers by the Atlantic.

Pigeons are now used as Sabbath letter-carriers between London and Southampton.

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