

The Columbian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1890. THOUSANDS DROWNED. Johnstown Swept Away.

BY A HURSTING RESERVOIR.

Towns Under Water, and Much Property Destroyed.

One of the most disastrous storms that has ever visited the Eastern States struck Pennsylvania last Friday.

The reservoir above the town burst at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the immense volume of water rushed down the valley carrying death and destruction.

The majority of the residences, with the exception of those on the main street, are built of wood, a great many of which are occupied by the employes of the Cambria Iron Works.

It is estimated that 1500 houses were swept away. The latest estimates on Wednesday place the loss of life at Johnstown and adjoining towns along the Conemaugh at 19,000 to 20,000.

INCIDENTS OF THE DISASTER. A Johnstown dispatch says: Many of the dead were found with their hands yet clinging tenaciously to the branches of trees and shrubs.

There is no possibility of telling just how many lives were lost, as thousands are missing. Many survivors tell of the most thrilling escapes from collections of debris, house roofs, car doors and planks.

THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION. Fine thoroughfares in the most densely populated parts of the town are denuded of their elegant houses.

DAMAGE TO RAILROAD TRUCKS. The Pennsylvania Railroad trucks at Sang Hollow, three miles west, were torn out and absolutely washed away for three-quarters of a mile.

SUNBURY FLOODED. SUNBURY, June 2.—This city has been flooded all day. The entire population was up the whole night moving to the second stories.

HARRISBURG FLOODED. HARRISBURG, June 2.—The great flood of 1865 touched 20 feet 11 inches above low water mark.

BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY. Dispatches received at the Pennsylvania Railroad give the damage sustained to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company's bridge over the west branch of the Susquehanna.

MILTON, June 3.—Williamsport and Lock Haven are almost submerged. Thousands of the people in these towns are living in the second and third floors of their houses.

TELEGRAPHIC AND RAILROAD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THIS POINT AND WILLIAMSPORT AND LOCK HAVEN IS ENTIRELY CUT OFF.

The only communication we have had with the towns has been by a messenger.

The carrying away of the bridge by the Beaver Mills, by which 48 people, mostly boys, lost their lives, was a heart-rending sight.

The mill gave way so suddenly and came upon the bridge so quickly that it was impossible for the people to retreat from the bridge.

LOSS OF THE GREAT BOOM. In addition to the other property swept away is the great boom above the city of Williamsport, which broke loose and 250,000,000 feet of heavy logs went leaping down the stream.

THE WATER ROSE 28 FEET AND SWEEP OUT OVER ITS BANKS AND THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CITY LIKE A MILL COURSE.

RELIEF NEEDED. There is a great need for immediate relief. While families have been waiting for two days without a mouthful of food.

LOCK HAVEN IS NO BETTER OFF. A messenger from that point, who reached here today, said the water in front of the Fallon House is six feet deep.

THE FENCE LAW. Some years ago in an article then published, I took occasion to inquire, ascertain and determine what was the law in Columbia county.

THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY PRESENTED A PRINTED STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY, A SUMMARY OF WHICH IS GIVEN HERE.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER. The so-called "Poll-tax" or "Suffrage" Amendment which is to be voted upon along with the Prohibition Amendment on the 18th of June.

THE CHIEF REASON FOR THE GREAT SUCCESS OF HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA IS FOUND IN THE ARTICLE ITSELF.

THE CONVENTION CLOSED WITH SINGING "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN," and the benediction by the pastor, Rev. Boone.

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