

SNOW AND SLEIGHS. The First Fall of the Former Recalls Thoughts of the Latter. REAL BLOOD-TINGLED WEATHER. Only Ten Days' Sleighting Hereabouts in Almost Ten Years.

Yesterday's weather made the blood of both young and old tingle—the former in anticipation of the pleasures of coasting among the girls in short dresses and the boys in knee pants, and those of more advanced years of visions of a ride on the Ferris wheel or some other popular thoroughfare, a dance and a supper on some roadhouse.

The sensations of the old were a mixture of reminiscence of the days when Western Pennsylvania farmers sowed oats in March instead of May, and when there were four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, and they became young again in living over their youth and telling thereof.

An impression prevails that the cutter, or sloop, has gone to join the dodo, and one man was heard to say there weren't 50 sleighs in Pittsburgh and Allegheny city, but he was badly off, for although there are not nearly so many as there were 40 years ago, before traumas destroyed sleighing on the city streets, there are still many well-to-do farmers who have not a cutter stowed away in their barns and in a good state of preservation, though like the "old family Bible," the dear blessed Bible that lay on the stand, they are generally covered with dust, as there hasn't been much more than ten days' sleighing in the last ten years, and last winter none at all.

"The snow, the snow, the fleecy snow," began to fall before 6 o'clock yesterday morning, but "the bells so full of glee" were not heard to any great extent. It was good going on the sidewalks, but some of it melted. It came too late for the pot hunters to follow rabbits, as they seek their couches about the town in the morning, and consequently no tracks were visible.

We only got the skirt of the storm here. No matter how the just and the unjust were distributed, the Signal Service reported rain on the Atlantic coast, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of California, and in the central region, from Dakota to Texas, and in New England, in the Allegheny Mountains and along the line of the Ft. Wayne Railway. Eastern trains were held up, and late, and the limited on the Ft. Wayne was two hours late.

Jack Frost squatted around the country in a vague way. At Huron, S. Dak., the thermometer went 20° below zero, while at St. Vincent, Minn., where one would look for coolness, the mercury stood 42° above the mark at the first and final plow. The temperature was generally considerably above zero wherever the snow fell. At Springfield, Mo., there was good sleighing, the fall being nearly a foot.

THE SLOW ONES WERE NOT IN IT. Though light snow was still predicted last evening for the locality, the prediction was added: "Southerly winds and warmer temperature," so that those who did not get on runners last night may not be "in it" at all.

The trade in sleighs and sleds here is not so insignificant as some suppose, but the business is mainly confined to seed and agricultural implements, stores, the carriage makers only turning out a few high priced double sleighs, at \$120 to \$150, whereas the average man wants a cutter that he can buy for \$22 to \$30. A good many bobsleds are sold from \$25 to \$40, and a well-bodied cutter or pluss lined cutter can be had for \$23. Years ago, during inflation times, such cost \$40 to \$75.

A gentleman at C. West & Co.'s works said this wasn't a sleighing town, there being too many traction lines and no streets left for the sport, some that might be good for making riding on them dangerous. He said that when the new park was finished the sport would be a considerable part of the principal as well. They must keep a few on hand, however, as occasionally they have a call for one.

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