FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

A Load of Suspense Lifted

From the Minds of Thou-

sands of Citizens.

BUSY SCENES DOWNTOWN

Multitudes Gather to Watch the

Waves Rippling Through

Abandoned Streets.

NOVEL METHODS OF TRAVEL USED.

Some Forced to Brave the Dangers of the

Deep, While Others Dare Them

Just for Pun.

Many of the Leading Establishments Forced to Sus

pend Business,

TRADE PRACTICALLY BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL

foot lower.

slight but it was sufficient to produce a

The High Water Mark of 1891.

in 1891, and produced untold suffering.

lower portions of Pittsburg and Allegheny

were under water. The main streets to the

bridges were covered with six feet or more.

and were impassable to persons on foot.

Roats and skiffs were in demand, and

ferries soon were established. Owners of

livery stables and cab lines, with both eyes

An Enterprising Young Newsdealer,

on the almighty dollar and the convenience

of the public ranked as a secondary consid-

eration, were early on the scene with their

A Busy Day for the Business Men.

The pretty parquet of the Duquesne

Exposition last year was puffing away in

the rear, sucking the flood into itself and

then throwing it out in disgnst. It was no

use. The water was there, and there to stay

Misery loves company, and the theater

owners had the satisfaction of knowing that

every cellar all around the house in Pitts-

burg and away over in Allegheny was full

Theatre, from which the chairs had been re

the bridges.

for awhile.

commenced to retreat.

T noon yesterday the Al-

legheny river reached its

inches, only about two

feet less than the great

homes, mills and factories, while the water

After Reaching Within Two Feet of the Great Flood of 1884, the RIVERS ARE RECEDING

rose beneath them, moving property to higher places and out of danger. Much was lost and spoiled, and they turned away leaving it as trophies to the victorious waters. With the first trains, like the early bird

n spring, the rustic appeared on the streets to see the sights. The flooded districts down town were jammed with people who down town were jammed with people who stood on the pavements watching the water and wondering how much damage had been done. In the afternoon the ladies with their sealskin sacques ventured out and added to the pandemonium and crowds on the pavement. Business was practically suspended, and it was impossible without a boat or rubber boots to get into some of the leading stores. Pean avenue at different points was lined with furniture

Hustling for Passengers.

The boys howled for passengers until they grew red in the face, and, as Chief Brown had laid down no limit, they rushed helter skelter soliciting to carry everybody in sight across the water to the bridges. They were a pretty decent set, had fair conveyances and few complaints were heard.

The people who live in the section of the city between Penn avenue and the Allegheny river got up yesterday morning to find their homes and places of business surrounded by water. Beginning at the Ft.

was out to buy. Danziger's store was lighted with lamps, and in Fleishman's basement the clerks occupied skiffs.

The skiff and back men vied with each other in pulling in the shekels. They were divided between Ninth, Seventh and Sixth streets, but for some reason the Seventh street route seemed the most popular.

Hustling for Passengers.

nearly 8 feet deep, and it varied in depth on the other thoroughfares. Duquesne way, ex-

cept at the high approaches to the bridges, was buried, and the ripples in the swift

flowing current marked where the street was located beneath the flood. The cellars of the houses up to Liberty street were full of

water, and the flood even backed through

the sewers into the basements of the Fifth

DOWN AT THE POINT.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE PROPERTY LOSS

PLACES IT AT \$50,000.

Many Forced Out of Their Homes-About

From Fifth street down to the Point the

damage to property will be heavy. Along

Duquesne way the water was very deep and

swift. At the Randall Club it was about

6 feet, but as the house is on high

ground the water hardly reached to the ceiling of the first floor. The adjoining houses of Mrs. Judge Jones and Mrs. Laugh-

lin and Mr. Ewing were in the same condi

tion. It was impossible to get into any of these houses excep: by skiffs, and the Ran-dall Club had a half dozen to accommodate

nembers. Much valuable lumber on the wharf be-

longing to Stewart & McElvaine was carried away. The tenement bouses on Fourth, Second, First and Fort streets were

living on the top floors, and many of them had moved out. Four families

Superintendent Veatch, of the Hygeia Ice Company, a very intelligent and well posted

damage to the mills will be heavy. He

said there was no suffering among the peo-ple, as they were well supplied with food, and all those who had to move have been pro-

\$5,000 Will Cover the Exposition.



ALLEGHENY POLICE RIVER PATROL AT WORK.

that had been taken out of the houses, and during the night a guard tramped up and down restlessly keeping his eve on the propdown, restlessly keeping his eye on the property. It was such scenes that greeted Pitts SKIFFS AND WAGONS IN GREAT DEMAND burg and Allegheny yesterday, and will be partially repeated to-day.

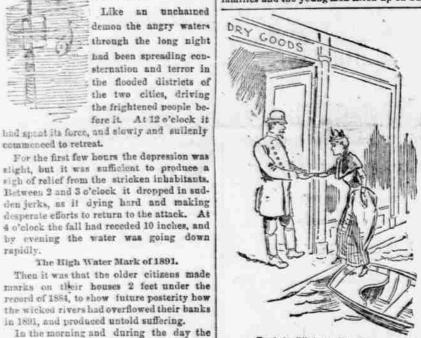
SCENES ON THE STREETS.

GREAT CROWDS VIEW THE FLOOD ON PENN AVENUE,

Drunks at the Point Furnish Some Amuse ment-People Auxious to See the Rivers -Hack and Skiff Men Making Money

With Bapidity.

greatest height, 32 feet 9 The amusing features of the flood were The Poor Tenants Will Be the Sufferers not wanting. At the Point, where the denizens in the little tenements had been driven flood of 1884. The Moout to seek shelter in stables and the larger nongahela was about a houses of neighbors, some of the heads of families and the young men filled up on bug



Captain Silvis in His Element. juice. They were in a glorious humor and wallowed around in the water to the grea

amusement of the crowds. Those who were running the boats at the foot of Penn avenue couldn't stand their good fortune, and as fast as they yielded to the persuasive influence of Bacchus, other anxious candidates took their places.
On the Pittsburg side Penn avenue and

the bridges were the prospective points. Men and women tramped from the Ft. Wayne Railroad to the Point trying to get a the river down through the watercovered side streets. Not Afraid of Wet Feet.

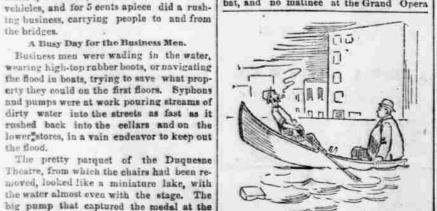
In front of Horne's store and along by the Anderson Hotel the water was high, but the people didn't mind that. They hugged the buildings, trying to pass by without wetting the feet, but that was impossible. The water poured over the shoe tops, but still the crowds tramped from point to point. The horses in the streets splashed the water, evidently enjoying it, onto the pavements, sending drenching showers over the pedestrians, but floods don't come often, and the average man and woman were prepared yesterday to put up with any inconvenience

rather than lose such an opportunity.

The crowds were good natured, and while they regretted the losses of their fellows, he water was such a novelty that it was the chief attraction.
The wild, rushing Allegheny, indeed, was a majestic sight, and more than one timid

man, as she stood on the bridge and ked down at the swift current, shuddered at the thought of falling into the seething mass. A twig in a whirlwind would be as light as a body in such a volume of water.

A Rush for Theater Seats. With two theaters rendered hors du com bat, and no matinee at the Grand Opera



An Garaman Who Earned His Nickel. House, there was a wonderful demand for seats. When it became apparent about noon that the water had reached the limit, a large streamer was thrown across the street in front of the Bijou. announcing that "Kojanka" was high and dry, and could be seen in the even-ing. At 6 o'clock the water had fallen so

Severely by Flood and Loss of Trade.

LOTS OF MONEY LOST.

Unable to Take Inventories Until the Rivers Drop a Few Pegs,

VALUABLE GOODS OUT OF DANGER.

DAMAGE DONE ALONG THE WHARVES

The actual loss to property in the two cities, caused by the high water, will run into hundreds of thousands, and if the money dropped during the suspension of business be added, the amount will leave a big hole in the combined wealth of those who suffered. The inconvenience and annoyance to merchants and the various industries affected has resulted in plenty of swearing, and if mental worry can be measured by dollars, then it will take a mighty round sum to cover this feature of the esti-A DISPATCH man in the afternoon

started at Seventh street to work his way down to the Point, making a house-to-hous canvass, in an attempt to get an estimate of the losses sustained in this section. There was at least six feet of water on the street, and boats and wagons were used to get on the bridge. It was impossible to reach many of the houses, on account of the water, and the owners could not be seen. Waiting Awhile for an Inventory.

Those who were interviewed had a very



waiting for the water to subside before they could tell. In the main everybody affects Mas prepared for the rise, and valuable property was moved in time from the cellars and lower floors to higher stories. On Seventh street a part of the river was

running through the cellar of the Boyer Hotel. Colonel Boyer, however, was as sewere living in the Hygeia Ice Company's stable, and seven had quartered themselves rene as a June rose, and said his loss would in a big brick house on Penn avenue. The | not be more than \$1,000. "It all goes with it will be in the profit and loss column at the end of the year. My storeroom is flooded, but it is filled with odds and ends man, estimates the loss of property, from that would have yielded 25 cents on the Sixth street to the Point, at \$50,000. The dollar, and will probably bring 10 cents that would have yielded 25 cents on the dollar, and will probably bring 10 cents Mueller's, J. Diamond, opticion, J. & H. Phillips, H. Hannach & Bro., the New now. The machinery is buried out of sight. but a little oil and a few men will brighten it again when the water goes down. The on First street for the imprisoned on First street for the imprison of the imprison on First street for the imprison of the



tenants, and when a woman wanted to leave a surrounded house she howled from a sec-ond story window and a boat was sent for her. The galleries of the Exposition building were thrown open, and the property of these oor people has been stored there. Mr. McElherron, custodian of the Expo-

sition, thinks the loss to the buildings will be about \$5,000, but others claim it will be more. The depth of the water around the piace yesterday afternoon was over six feet. Big holes were driven through the restaurant floor, and the building was tied down with ropes to keep it from floating away. The floor be-tween the main hall and machinery department has been turned up by the water and will have to be relaid. S. S. Marvin's stable near at hand was flooded, but his horses and property were moved out of dan-ger. The loss of the Hygeia Ice Company ger. The loss of the Hygeia 1ce Company will be about \$1,000. Mr. Brass, the lumber

CHILDREN OF A LARGER GROWTH Delighted in Paddling About in Gum Boots

Yesterday. Anxious mothers who wonder at the fondness displayed by their young sons for paddling in a puddle would have found an explanation of their children's penchant by visiting the submerged part of the city yes-

terday. The children's liking for puddles was that persons could cross Penn avenue at Sixth street, but Colonel Dawson was ready to build a board walk, if necessary.

All night long business men had been working, as Trojans never toiled, in stores, business was done in the stores. Nobody requiring him to do so or not.

my actual loss. I had nothing of great value in my cellar, and I am happy." Damage to Duquesne Way Cellars.

The man in charge of the Seventh street bridge said that little damage had been done cellars and lower floors of houses on Duquesne way. In the morning a small frame house its furniture floated down the river from some point and was smashed to pieces against one of the piers. A remnant of the wreck could still be seen last evening clinging to the stones. The bridge attendant said that, so far as he could see, nobody was in the house, and the inmates undoubtedly abandoned the tenement before it was moved. A shanty beat was knocked into kindling wood on the Alleghenv side, but no lives were lost. On the Pittsburg wharf, above and below the Seventh street bridge little damage. Seventh street bridge, little damage was done. A barge of inch boards was sunk but it will be recovered. About a month ago the bank was lined with lumber, but it was sold and removed before the flood came. On Seventh street the water covered the first floors for several feet in James M. Fulfirst floors for several test in James m. Eu-lerton's undertaking establishment, J. F. Meigher's tobacco store, E. Gersenleiter' livery stable, several small houses and stores, John Dorris & Son's livery stable.

A FAMILY ALMOST LOST. An Incident That Accompanied the fall of

Island early yesterday morning. the wreck of the sawmill and the bridge came down it struck the house of Joseph Scott. The side was broken in and the structure shoved off the foundation.

The water rose to the windows in the second story, where Mr. Scott, his wife and four little children were sleeping. For an stores, John Dorris & Son's livery stable, George Aul's steam scouring place, James A. Dill's house, W. T. Bown & Bro., brokers in produce, and the Grocers' Supply and Storage Company. The latter concern had considerable valuable property in the cellar, and they place their loss in the neighborhood of \$10,000. It was estimated that several hundred dollars spices would instant it seemed as if they would all be lost, but a boat in charge of James Omaloer shot out from the bank and followed the current with the house. The half drowned family were quickly transferred to the boat. The boat had not gotten ten feet away before the house went to pieces and disappeared.

MUCH LOSS IN MILLS

Throwing Out of Employment Over

25,000 Skilled Workmen.

the Floods.

DERRICKS AND ENGINES SWEPT AWAY

The damage done to the mills of the two

cities by the flood is hard to estimate until

the waters recede sufficiently to permit an

investigation. The situation can be sized

up briefly, when it is considered that nearly

two score of large establishments were sub-

merged; at least 25,000 men thrown out of

employment, and the losses through dam-

age to property and delays in operations will reach at least half a million and proba-

The peculiar situation of the mills located

Downtown Business Men Suffer LOSSES PUT AT A HIGH FIGURE BY A BUSINESS MAN. age to Their Works

> Wanamaker & Brown and Danziger Suffer the Most—The Anderson and Schlosser Swamped—Goods Moved in Time From

replace the loss sustained by the others liv-ing on this street.

SIXTH STREET DAMAGE.

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Sixth street and part of Penn avenue near it is one of the centers of business in the city, and this section suffered severely from the water. A business man estimated the loss on Sixth street at \$75,000 alone, but he did not say how he figured. From the Anderson to the Fifth National Bank on this street, the water was several feet deep on the floors of the houses on the lower The Allegheny River Running Through side of the street. It touched the pavement on the Bijou side, but did not run over it. The cellars, of course, maintained the level

Manager Edwards, of Wanamaker & Brown, puts the loss of his firm at \$5,000, and Mr. Danziger thinks his damage will



Milkman Doing Business on Water each \$7,000. Mr. Edwards said the water came up so rapidly that the summer goods stored on the upper shelves could not be moved in time. He secured a skiff and with its aid got out the spoiled clothing. Danziger's basement is full of house furnishing goods. The valuable goods were moved. T. C. Dasement is full of house furnishing goods. The valuable goods were moved. T. C. Jenkin's wholesale house is nearby. His cellar is full of water, and he says his loss will be about \$1,000. Henry G. Hale, the tailor in the Jackson building, saved his stock from the water, and his damage will be nominal. It will cost \$1,000 or moved to put the hulding in these Gold. age will be nominal. It will cost \$1,000 or more to put the building in shape, Goldstein, the shoe man, had shoes spoiled to the amount of \$1,200. The losses of Joseph Horne & Co., Groetzinger, W. P. Greer, china store; J. P. Diehl & Son, wall paper; Boissel & Wagley, Dravo & Wilson and Joseph Buka will not amount to much. These firms moved all their goods from the cellars, and they think a few hundred dollars apiece will replace them. Hay, the caterer, said he had valuthem. Hay, the caterer, said he had valu-able ovens and other property which water would ruin in the cellar. The ovens were hot when the water came in, and he was afraid they were badly cracked. He could not say what his loss would be, but he added that it costs money to build ovens, The Hamilton Hotel was swamped with the other houses, but the main damage will be to the building. The clerk figured our a loss

The Anderson with their pumps and siphons succeeded in keeping the water out gutil 3 o'clock yesterday moraing, when it poured in over the top of the parametriand filled the cellar to the ceiling. The property had been moved from the storeoom, and not much damage will be done to the machinery and laundry. Captain McKinnie put a stationary engine at work in the street to pump out the water. He said his loss would not be much. The cellar of the Schlosser also was full of water, and several avenue between First and Fort streets in the business," he said good-naturedly, "and thousand dollars will cover the damage.

The Anderson was without gas, and the The Anderson was without gas, and the guests had to go to bed with candles. Ken-

nedy, the caterer, is out about \$200. Other business houses hadly flooded on Economy and Ruckeizen's saloon. It was impossible to reach any of the above houses

RESCUED FROM THE RIVER.

One Little Sufferer Dving From Pneur in a Shanty Boat.

The Allegheny lockup was filled with drunken and disorderly men last night, who had been taken in during the day in the vicinity of the flooded district. Patrol wagon No. 3 made ten trips during the day for these cases, and 14 men were arrested from one box alone. During the day a man named Flanagan, who lives in a shanty boat, was arrested for fighting with his wife. They were moored in their boat away out on the line of the river bank and had to be removed from the boat in skiffs. Both the man and woman were drunk, and although having whisky in the house had no food. A little daughter aged about 13 years was lying sick at

the time and nearly starved. The man and wife were locked up in the Central station and the child sent to the Allegheny General Hospital. There it was developed she was suffering severely with pneumonia. She will recover, but if she had been allowed to live on the water another night her case would have been hope-less. She said she had had no food since Tuesday noon, and that her parents were drunk constantly from that time. She found a little bit of coffee in the house, which she brewed from the muddy water she dipped up out of the river which was the only nourishment she had in 30 hours.

ALL THE HOTELS CROWDED.

The High Water Stops Outbound Travel and Keeps Drummers Inside.

The scenes around many of the hotels during the past 36 hours, while the rivers were at flood height, were very animated. Those hotels which were fortunate enough to be located above the high water mark had along the wharf, outside of the flooded about all they could do to take care of their guests while those which are surrounded by water were practically closed until the rivers abated in the evening and permitted access to them. The almost com-plete stoppage of through out-bound trains prevented visitors leaving the city, and the general suspension of business at down-town stores kept the drummers about the hotels, and the lobbies of the different resorts were crowded all day with belated travelers.

> the Herr's Island Bridge. One of the most startling incidents of the present flood occurred just below Herr's

> > The water reached the furnaces of the Crescent Steel Works, but no particular damage was done.
> > Out at Soho the mills fared better, although the water got high enough to stop operations. The open hearth furnaces of the Linden Steel Works are destroyed, and it

They had no loss, and their men will lose no time.

The inconvenience caused at the Pennsyl-

Iron Men Place the Total Dam-

The inconvenience caused at the Pennsylvania Tube Works was so slight that the 900 men employed by that firm will get to work to-night.

On the Southside all of the mills belonging to the Oliver syndicate, except the Fifteenth street mill, were under water. The loss will run into the thousands. The new machine shop at South Tenth street was damaged some, and the furnaces in the mill at that point are in bad shape.

A representative of the firm of Dilworth, Porter & Co. said they could not begin work again before next week. Their furnaces were all flooded and are supposed to have been completely destroyed. at Half a Million. FORTY LARGE WORKS IDLE

Robinson, Rea & Co. got off lightly, the water only filling the large fly-wheel pit.

Their 200 employes will go back to work

Abel, Smith & Co., the glass manufacturers, were the chief sufferers in their line. EXPECT TO RESUME ON MONDAY. They will not sustain a heavy loss, except as a natural result of delay. They employ 600 hands and will be able to start up again Oil Operators Heavy Financial Sufferers by about to-morrow.

In the West End both the mills of Singer,

Nimick & Co. and J. Painter & Sons were stopped, and Manager Harper, of the latter place, shut off the gas to prevent a possible explosion. Over 1,000 men are employed in he two mills.

At the coffin works of Hamilton, Arnold

& Co., in Manchester, the employes were engaged nearly all night Tuesday getting stock out of the reach of the water, and last night was spent in cleaning up the place. They had a considerable amount of light material carried away, but their fancy and valuable trimmings and other stock were fortunately stored in an upper story.

Other mills in the lower portion of Allegheny, among others Lindsay & McCutcheon's, the two mills at Wood's Run, and the saltworks of Haller, Beck & Co., were damaged heavily.

aged heavily.

A member of the fi-m thought the loss would be \$3,000 on the engine works and \$1,000 or

caped without damage.

The big flywheel and the stables of the Carroll-Porter Boiler Works were flooded,

M. Bole, pattern and model maker, will lose \$1,000. Henry Henk had some of his lumber carried off. The water got into the

chemicals of the Phonix Galvanizing Com-pany, and spoiled a considerable quantity.

The chemicals are expensive, but the loss

DAMAGE TO PIPE LINES.

THE OIL REGION AMONG THE HEAVIEST

OF THE SUFFERERS.

Thousands of Barrels of Oil Gone to Waste

-Derricks and Tanks Swept Away-No

Way Now to Begin to Estimate the

The damage the oil interest in Allegheny

county has sustained by the flood amounts

to many thousand collars. Oil and gas lines were torn apart, and many derricks,

engine houses and tanks which were located

rivers bodily swept away, and nothing but the conductors were left to mark the spot where a complete rig stood only a short time

Bull wheels, tanks and parts of derricks

sailed majestically down the seething Alle-gheny, which indicated that there oil fields

along the valley must have sustained con-

siderable damage.

The heaviest loss caused by the raging waters was to the Southwest Pipe Line

Company, whose six-inch line was broken Tuesday night a half mile northeast of Ems-

worth, on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago road. The company is unable at present to determine just how much oil was

the night the amount must be considerable. The company's pump stations at Coraopolis, Chartiers and Ewing were rendered in-

operative yesterday, and cannot be started again until the water subsides.

The Bridgewater Gas Company had just finished an eight-inch line from Legionville to Rocnester, at a cost of \$4,000. At the point where the line crossed the Ohlo it was

broken about the middle, and the gas escaped with tremendous force, and was soon

ignited by a towboat, illuminating the heavens far up and down the swollen river,

and presenting a picturesque and romantic

The Fort Pitt Gas Company also sustained

considerable damage by its line being broken near Coraopolis, while another gas line running from Stoops' Ferry to Shous-town parted about midway in the river, and

Many exciting and ludicrous scenes were

st, but as the pumps were running most of

the banks of the Allegheny and Ohio

the damage will not be much.

more on the boiler plant.

has not been estimated.



RESCUING THE REMNANTS OF A LUMBER YARD.

uable castings and patterns were ruined. the purpose of draining the surplus water Hillard, Sterrett & Co., the Duquesne Foundry, will drop at least \$3,000 in makfrom the establishment. This outlet is usually low and permits the water to reach ing the repairs needed and in cleaning up the machinery. the mill and stop operations before any other damage is done, The Duquesne Engine Works of James Reese were full of water up to the windows.

Jones & Laughlin, of the Southside, was the only firm that profited by the flood of 1884. They placed valves at the heads of the outlets to their works, and, while the than some other mills that were partly under water yesterday, Jones & Laughlin were not compelled to suspend work. They were put to no inconvenience whatever, and kept all departments in full operation.

Greatest Damage to the Furnaces. The greatest damage to the mills will be in the furnaces, which are sure to be cracked if the water reached them while in a heated condition. The machinery will not sustain much injury, and the greatest loss, outside of the furnaces, will be where wooden patterns were swept away. These

cases, however, were fortunately few. A DISPATCH reporter started out yesterday afternoon to investigate the damage done the various iron and steel works Some of them could be reached by skiffs and some of them could not At Schoen berger & Co.'s the mill was found to be over six feet under water, and the members of the firm could scarcely get into the office. They have 1,200 men out of employment, and their loss will exceed \$15,000.

The damage to the mills of the Carnegie interests will reach from \$20,000 to \$40,000 possibly. All their works out Penn avenue are under water, and it is thought that many furnaces have been totally destroyed. Several thousand men are thrown idle, and it will not be possible to resume operations be fore the first of the coming week, if them The Keystone and Pittsburg Bridge Works are completely flooded out and no information could be secured regarding the loss.

No More Work During the Week. The plow works of A. Speer & Sons were 21/2 feet under water. The firm employes 200 men, who will not get back to work before Monday. It is not thought the loss will exceed \$5,000, although some important patterns may have floated away, the value of which could not be estimated yes

terday. Weyman & Bro. will not sustain such heavy loss, although they had a considerable amount of stock and material submerged They were compelled to suspend operations The mills of Zug & Co. were "out of sight," and no one could be seen to estimate damages. The works of the Pittaburg Steel Casting Company were in the same shape.

The worst damage to the cork works of Armstrong Bros. & Co. has been done to the boilers. However, it is thought they can be in shape in a few days to resume operations

with their 1,200 employes.
It was reported that Hubbard & Co., the ax and saw manufacturers, were shut down, but their works are above the high water mark, and were in operation yesterday. The Standard Oil Company were not heavy losers, but a large force of men were kept busy all day exercising precautions against fire. They have nearly 500 men idle, who will not get to work again for two or three

will require a large outlay to repair.

The Forest Oil Company's well which was nearly completed on the Hogbar, opposite Coraopolis, was completely carried away, and not a vestige of the rig or machinery is to be found. The furnaces of the Malleable Iron Works of McConway, Torley & Co. were flooded. The loss could not be estimated, as it was impossible to tell to what extent the furnaces were injured, although it is thought they are total wrecks. In the latter case the damages will pierce the thousands of dol-lars. Five hundred men are out of employ-

One Establishment Gets Off Easily.

Linden Steel Works are destroyed, and it will require several days to get the whole mill in shape again. A portion of the mill is running, however, and the damage will be confined, it is shought, to the furnaces.

The Pittsburg Tube Works continued operations through threatening and, considered by some, dangerous circumstances.

Awful Rayages of the Raging Floods in Allegheny's Homes and Factories.

THREE CENTS.

HERR'S ISLAND LAID WASTE.

Three-Quarters of a Million Worth of Preperty Is Destroyed.

A LONG LIST OF THE HOMELESS.

Incidents That Lend Brightness to the Drear Picture.

MATOR WYMAN ISSUES NO CALL FOR AID

The destitution and damage in the river wards of Allegheny are even worse than was estimated Tuesday night. The total loss in that city, so far as can be gathered before the flood subsides, in \$750,000.

Although on Tuesday night 1,500 families were homeless, when Wednesday morning broke at least 2,500 houses were flooded. Many had disappeared altogether. From others the foundations had been washed away, and the walls hung tottering, ready to drop at any minute. Immense piles of lumber were seen to collapse as if by an explosion, and then disappear in the foam of the river. Mills that had the day before taken all the perishable goods from the basements found their labor had been in vain, for the waters surged far above the first floors.

The Herr's Island bridge, on the Allegheny side, had let loose from its moorings, and blocked up a portion of the river bed 200 yards below. The island itself was entirely submerged, and only a few gaunt structures marked the place where that rib of land lies.

# Street Scenes in Pittsburg's Sister City. The street scenes were but a repetition of Tuesday, with the addition of more wreckage and boats, and a greater supply of wagous to transport people to and from the bridges. The crowds especially were far greater than on the first day of the deluge. Of course, the water kept the crowds away from the scene of the Hazlett disaster on River avenue, but at the scene of the Hubbard explosion on Lacock street at least 200,000 people gazed on the dismantled buildings yesterday.

The scenes at the approaches to the bridges were even more strange in the glare of daylight. At each bridge at least one or two wagons were left deserted in the flood, and the horses were only rescued by the combined efforts of all the boatmen. Although wagons and boats offered the only



Relief for the Imprisoned Alleghenia

means of passage from the bridge to Lacock street, on Federal, on Sandusky and Anderson streets narrow pontoon bridges were thrown across by the Pleasant Valley Electric Railway Company. The boatmen and teamsters made vigorous objections, and even tried to tear up the bridges, because passage over them was free.

Horse Car Transit Again Resumed. The street car companies also resumed operations, and by scattering tanbark very liberally managed to jump from one track to the other at the points where the water stopped further progress and made their re-

turn to the stable necessary. The direct work of the flood is at. Herr's Island. It is a waste of water and wreckage, and at the lower end only the new brick abattoirs stand out like towers above the water and show that the island itself still exists. Above is the wreck of the stock yards and cattle sheds, with here and there an upturned house that has and there an upturned noise that has caught against one still standing, while the water line laps the windows in the second story. A part of the stockyard hotel remains above the water, but the side is smashed in. The bridge is gone, and with it a six-inch gas main. Only a part of the Allerbary abstracts the water is stood. Allegheny abutment shows where it stood, and from the base the gas is roaring out in great bubbles in the already disturbed waters. Taking it all in all the scene is a perfect miniature of the picture presented the morning the sublight first burst on

rained Johnstown. The great destruction at Herr's Island oc-curred at daybreak vesterday. A few min-utes before 6 o'clock the \$18,000 sawmill of William Dickey, at the head of the island, moved from its foundations. At the same time the steamer Robert McCreighton, owned by Mr. Dickey, snapped its moorings. They crashed down the river, taking with them hundreds of thousands of feet of lumber. A row of small dwelling houses that had been deserted by the occupants next meltod in the river. A part of the stock pens followed, together with the many switches that are elevated on trestles. The floating mass next struck the Stockmen's Hotel, and tore away

the one side. Crashed Against the Iron Bridge,

Many exciting and ludicrous scenes were observed Tuesday night, in different sections of the oil field. In one instance two men sleeping in a shanty were unceremoniously awakened about midnight by an entered oil bath. They jumped out of bed into water up to their waists and one of them planked his foot through the window and made his exit in fine style but his partner, In following suit, had the misfortune to get his feet tangled, and was held a prisoner, while his head was submerged in the water. The furious splashing arrested the

There were 300 head of cattle and 1.500 hogs in the pens and yards, but as a portion still remains it cannot be told how many have perished. There was a watchman on the steamer Robert McCreighton when it went down. Whether he escaped is not known. His name would not be learned. Another featlogs, struck a telegraph pole. His raft went to pieces and he had to climb the telegraph pole and wait half an hour until a skiff was rowed up to him, in which he was left it lying there on the side.

Among the losses on Herr's Island sre;

A young man floating on Robinson street, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, on a rat of

water. The furious splashing arrested the attention of his bedfellow, who returned and rescued him from his perilous situation.