

DROWNED IN THE FLOOD.

Six Lives Lost During the Storm Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 21.—Reports of damage by last night's heavy rain were coming in today from all parts of Allegheny county, in fact from nearly every place in Western Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Farms were washed out, houses, fences and trees along the banks of streams were swept away, and backlogs occurred in nearly every road leading out of Pittsburgh.

Two children of General Schaefer, aged 3 and 7 years respectively, of Siding Garden, south of Allegheny, were swept away by the flood, and Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer narrowly escaped. When the bank overtopped the Schaefer house was moved from its foundation and the family left the house and took shelter under some trees. In the attempt to escape the children were swept away by the current and carried away. Mrs. Schaefer became so frantic on seeing her children that she got in the water to see and was almost drowned. It is feared she will never be recovered.

The body of John Dougherty was found this morning at the mouth of the culvert at the water works, near the city hall. It is believed that he was carried down the culvert by the current and was swept away by the flood. John Dougherty was down in the culvert of his house. When the water subsided, his body was found lying in the road.

This morning Red street and Madison street in the district of the city, were completely filled with debris, rats lying on the tracks unable to move, and completely blocked in by planking and completely closed off by the flood.

The water in the river rose so fast that the inhabitants were driven from their homes before they had time to take their belongings. A large number of slaughterhouses were completely destroyed.

Lightning destroyed the stable of Fred Hampe on Mount View, and a horse and a cow were killed. A large number of other houses were damaged. A large number of other houses were damaged.

Much destruction was wrought at Sawmill Run, in Chester Valley, where the water did not stop at the mill race, but ran down the valley, destroying many houses and barns. The total loss in these districts will approximate \$300,000.

Patrick Meeke, a freight conductor on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, was drowned in the flood. There is a rumor that a family of five persons were drowned a short distance below the city.

A Bangorville (Pa.) special fighting archer, James C. Cox, fell into the water, and two of the workmen were seriously injured.

At Beaver Falls, Pa., the body of the little 2-year-old daughter of Newton Bentley, lying on the banks of Walnut Run, was found today in a pile of drift. It is supposed that she was swept from the bank by the angry torrent last evening.

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OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Harrisburg, May 21.—The fact that the members of the Legislature did not have the regular time that they reported having, on returning from New York. It is reported that many who were here since reported having gone, as they will find trouble in explaining their absences. It is reported that many more should have been spent for this purpose. The fact that they were willing to hold extra long sessions to make up for lost time will hardly explain the absence, and many may not have an opportunity to go on a similar junket two years hence, as the people will have something to say before they again have an opportunity of taking another such trip.

The House did not meet until 1 o'clock on Monday, but when it did meet it went to work in earnest, realizing that there was a long calendar of Senate bills to be acted upon, the House bills having been abandoned.

An evening session was held until a late hour. On Tuesday the Judge's salary bill was passed, in spite of the most earnest protest of some of the country members, as well as some of the city members from the north. Pugh voted and worked against the bill, but the pressure from Philadelphia politicians was too strong, and the bill passed finally. There is some doubt about its constitutionality, as the Governor may not sign it. The bill passed on Tuesday and Wednesday were of no great importance. The session on Wednesday night was the most important, from the fact that the House met at 8 o'clock in the evening and remained in session until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, the hour fixed by the joint rules of the Senate and House for bills to be sent to the Governor before final adjournment.

The General Revenue bill was the cause of considerable confusion. The Senate, by way of amendment, put a clause in the bill providing for the purchase of the copyright of Soule's Legislative Hand-Book for \$5000, and for the purchase of an old printing of the "Battle of Lake Erie" for \$5000. Both of these bills failed to pass the House, and the Senate took this method of compelling the House to do that which it otherwise refused. A conference was appointed, which was in session until about 3 o'clock, when they agreed upon amendments, which were agreed upon by the House. It was six o'clock before the bill was printed and ready to be voted upon. Then it passed finally and was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Governor. It contains the necessary item of \$7,500 appropriation for new uniforms for the National Guards. If this item is not stricken out by the Governor, who began his vetoing by cutting down appropriations before the session closed, he will do his whole duty.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR THE JUNE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 22, '89.

To the Editor of the Somerset Herald:

You will please announce the following named gentlemen as candidates for the various offices designated, at the coming Legislative Primary Election, to be held Saturday, June 22, 1889.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE, WM. M. HOCHSTETLER, OF SOMERSET TOWNSHIP.