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OUT OF THE FLOOD.

After a forced suspension beyond the power of circumstances to control—a suspension more inexorable than a Constable's warrant or a Sheriff's writ—after a suspension of over a month we are to the front once more. The tidal wave struck us—struck us hard—struck us to the tune of several thousands of dollars, causing quite a little hole in our large reserve funds in the banks of the country. Being left with a sadly depleted pocket-book, injured presses, a demolished engine, a wrecked office, we were reluctantly compelled to take a few weeks of recreation, in the shape of worry, disappointment and hard work in erecting a temporary building, removing printing materials and repairing damages.

But all obstacles have at last been overcome, and with the assistance of a tried friend who has helped to do the writing for this issue, we are again where we intend to be found hereafter—at least until an avalanche or a cyclone comes along. In such an event we may have to yield again to the inevitable.

With sympathy for the bereaved, heartfelt regret for the dead, and kind greetings to the living, and best wishes for the prosperity of all we once more find ourselves seated upon the editorial tripod.

THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Among others who have displayed the attributes of good and efficient men, we take pleasure in naming Mr. Arthur J. Moxham, of the Johnson Company. In the first several days succeeding the flood it was well we had in Mr. Moxham the elements of a man capable of taking hold of our tangled affairs and bringing order out of confusion. With a well balanced brain, a clear insight into the miseries of those who survived the terrified shock of the angry wave, a full comprehension of what should be done and how to do it, and the nerve of a wise general in the crisis of a battle involving the life of a nation, he restored municipal regulations, and organized forces for efficient work in recovering bodies, protecting property and collecting and distributing food, clothing and other necessities of life.

WORK YET TO BE DONE.

Vast as the work that has already been accomplished in removing wreckage and cleaning up streets, a great deal remains to be done. The principal streets on the Johnstown side are now open—at least sufficiently for teams to go through, but nearly all of the smaller cross ones, such as King, Potts, Union and Feeder, are still blocked up while in Kernville some of the thoroughfares will take weeks of work to remove not only piles of debris but large buildings that have lodged upon them.

As to the acres, lying below Market street and extending from the Conemaugh to Stonycreek, that are still covered by many feet of wrecked buildings, large saw-logs, trees and cars, it looks as though months of hard work will be required to make much headway in getting the accumulation of stuff off. So over in sections of Kernville and up from Clinton, and on through Conemaugh through the work to be done seems almost too overwhelming for human ingenuity and energy to undertake. But what has already been accomplished imparts confidence as to the final clearing up of the whole place.

Adjutant-General Hastings.

No better man could have been selected from Pennsylvania's public men to manage the work of the State for Conemaugh valley's unfortunates. His strict attention to duty, his genial and urbane manners, his courtesy in his intercourse with our people, his patient listening to all who go to him with grievances, and his prompt action to correct abuses has won for him golden opinions. Untiringly, uncompromisingly, efficiently he has gone forward in carrying out the wise provisions put on foot by both Mr. Scott, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Moxham, of Johnstown. When he leaves us he will carry with him and retain the grateful feelings of our whole community.

This issue of the DEMOCRAT will be sent to all our Daily and Weekly subscribers, whose addresses we have. We will continue to issue the Daily on Monday morning as before the flood. Any of our subscribers who fail to receive their papers will please notify us.

THE MILITARY.

A word in behalf of the too greatly censured soldiers of the 14th regiment of our State Guards. That they did good service in protecting property and keeping order, at a time when all in and about Johnstown was in confusion, and when thieving hordes flocked to the town, does not admit of a doubt. It is possible that a few of the thoughtless among them were guilty of conduct unbecoming soldiers, but in the main their behavior was exemplary. If, as some say, their presence was an evil, we think the better judgment of the people will say they were a necessary evil. Their duties were of a somewhat delicate nature, but were generally performed in a delicate manner. Honor to whom honor is due.

OUR SANITARY AFFAIRS.

The health of this entire community may be said to be exceptionally good, notwithstanding some cock and bull stories that regularly appear in some of the Pittsburgh dailies. Where they get their information is a query not easily answered. If not manufactured in Pittsburgh offices, it must be the outcropping of a Johnstown mind that is untrammelled with the limits of truth, or by the checks of conscience. There are no epidemics—in fact no signs of one, and the general health of all is quite as good as it usually has been at this season of the year. Dr. Sheridan, of Sheridan Station, one of our oldest and best physicians, said to the writer on Wednesday that the health of the people was almost exceptionally good.

OUR BENEFACTORS.

Who are they? Their names are legions. Where do they hail from? From everywhere. Not a city, not a town, not a village, not an industry, not a farming community in the land that has not contributed to our relief. Money by the thousands has been raised; food and clothing by train loads have been pouring in upon us. Without such munificence the suffering caused by absolute destitution would have been incalculable. Never in the history of any stricken section of this or any other country were the spontaneity and liberality of the people of all creeds, professions, and callings up to what it has been in this instance in charity and good works. To one and all Johnstown and its vicinity are under everlasting obligations.

A NOTED INSTANCE OF GENEROSITY.

Among the many hundreds of noble minded and charitably disposed men of the United States, we take pleasure in putting the name of Colonel Shephard, of the New York Mail and Express, at the head of the distinguished list. While others have thoughtfully remembered our sufferers by contributing their hundreds, he has lavished upon the destitute among us money and goods amounting to thousands. In addition to sending \$1,900 worth of tinware, and \$402 worth of woodenware, he has handed to the Red Cross \$10,000 in cash. If any other person has been more munificent in his contributions we have failed to hear of it. But the Colonel did not stop at this, as he has complemented the whole by arranging to pay the expenses of twenty-five homeless women for one month at the sea shore. The party accepting the generous invitation departed for Asbury Park, under the care of Mrs. Hammond, of Staten Island, New York, on Thursday the 25th ult.

WELCOME, THIRCE WELCOME VISITORS.

One of the most pleasing and beneficent incidents connected with the flood's aftermath occurred last Saturday, on the occasion of a hurried visit paid our devastated town by three men whose souls are as big as mountains and whose impulses are as generous as those of white winged angels. The trio consisted of Hon. E. A. Noonan, Mayor of St. Louis, C. E. Meade, Esq., his Private Secretary, and A. Reimler, President of the German Singing Society, of St. Louis.

On coming into town they called at the DEMOCRAT office, and distributed hundreds of dollars in fives, tens and twenties to all the really needy sufferers pointed out to them. And then procuring a two horse rig, accompanied by the editor of the DEMOCRAT, drove through all our principal streets lavishing money upon all destitute women and children they could hear of. Proceeding to the P. R. R. station they continued their good work of munificence until fully five thousand dollars had been bestowed as gratuities. All this was over and above what St. Louis had put into the general relief fund.

To such fittingly do the words apply: "Well done, good and faithful servants." Here is an example, an illustrious one worthy of being copied, and we heartily commend it to others that they may "go," rather come, "and do likewise." We believe that the money thus distributed reached more worthy cases and did more good than if it had been put into the general relief fund.

OUR RECOVERY.

How and by Whom the Work has been Done.

Although our people were almost paralyzed by the enormity of the calamity that had befallen them, a meeting of a number of the leading citizens who escaped death, was held near the corner of Main and Adams street early on Saturday morning, June 1st, to consider the situation. Mr. A. J. Moxham was made chairman of a citizens' committee, and other committees to look after the immediate wants of the people were formed. Rev. D. J. Beale, D. D., was made chairman of the committee on morgues; Rev. Father James P. Tahaney was appointed chairman of the committee on provisions, and Mr. W. C. Lewis was placed at the head of the committee on finance.

With this organization for a nucleus headquarters were established at Peters-Fourth Ward House, and the many wants of the people were looked after as best they could. Adjutant-General Hastings drove to town from Ebensburg on Saturday, and at once took charge of affairs at the Pennsylvania Railroad station, and rendered much aid in getting things systematized.

Contributions in money, food and clothing came quickly, and the creature comforts of our stricken people looked after by scores of willing hands. The first few days but little was done toward clearing up the wreckage, all efforts being expended in gathering up the dead, and looking after the wants of the living. On the fourth of June, Booth & Flynn, contractors, of Pittsburgh, put a large force of men at work, and Mr. James B. Scott, of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, was made dictator. Mr. Moxham being compelled to resign his position on account of his many other duties. During the week that followed much of the wreckage was cleared away, and on June 12th Adjutant-General Hastings took control of the work, the State having assumed the responsibility of cleaning up the town. Since then much progress has been made, and most of the streets have been opened, but there is a fearful amount of work yet to be done. The commissaries, which had been in charge of General Hastings, were on July 2d turned over to Capt. H. H. Kuhn, who now has charge of that department. General Hastings is still with us, and working nobly to bring us out of the slough of despond, and his noble services are highly appreciated. As to when the State will complete the work it has in charge, it is hard to tell; but there is undoubtedly a great deal to do yet, and from the remark which General Hastings made the other day, that "he intended to stay here until somebody discharged him," we infer that his forces will not be ready to leave for some time.

THE WRECKAGE.

The Herculean Task Confronting Those Who Are Removing It.

Much of this tedious work has been done, but much more remains to be done. When first tackled all the thoroughfares were packed, jammed, crowded with debris from six to twenty-five feet high. Where to begin, how to begin in the arduous work of clearing the streets was a problem not easily solved; and if solved the question of properly disposing of the refuse involved quite as great a difficulty.

Wanted.

By G. M. Greene, the Leaving Photographer, 193 Locust street, opposite the Park, near the M. E. Stone Church, Johnstown, everybody to know that he is making Fine Cabinet Photographs at \$1.50 per doz.

A Lady

Remarked to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs was a superior remedy, as it stopped her cough instantly when others had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merit, any druggist will give you a Sample Bottle Free. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

The undersigned is the manufacturer of a Salve which is unsurpassed for healing wounds, caused by burning or scalding. A great many persons have tried it and pronounce it the best salve ever made. Every person should have a box of it on hand ready for use in case of need. Prices, large box 35 cents, small box 25 cents. WILLIAM MERS, Johnstown, Pa. Ask your druggist or grocer for it. feb11

The truth is the vast piles of wreckage at the point and on our streets have been removed properly and rapidly; and the community ought to be grateful to the men who have superintended the work. Thousands of loads have been hauled off and numberless trees and logs collected and burned. Nearly all obstructions are taken from the Johnstown streets, and commendable progress made in opening the thoroughfares in Kernville and the surrounding boroughs.

Capt. W. B. Jones.

Among the first to reach town after the flood was Captain W. B. Jones, formerly of this place, but now of Braddock. Comprehending as few did the extent of the disaster and the best means of meeting the emergency, he by common consent took charge, for the time being, of all our disordered affairs, and much sooner than could be expected had everything connected with securing bodies and saving what little property remained reduced to something like system. His wonted skill and indomitable energies rendered us more than "yeoman's service."

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THE WARNING.

Conflicting reports have been in circulation about warnings from the reservoir—some saying warning was timely sent, and others saying not one word was wired. History, as well as events connected with the seething mass that swept down the valley, demands that the truth should be brought out. Light is thrown upon the subject by an item in another part of this issue. The fact given to the public for the first time fully confirms what the operator at South Fork claims to have done. This is the dispatch that was actually received at the Pennsylvania Railroad tower. "Report from Conemaugh Lake at 12:10 says the water is running over, and the dam may give way at any moment. Notify the people of Johnstown at once to be prepared for the worst."

The Population of Johnstown

Is about 25,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the throat and lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

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New Picnic Grounds.

KANTNER'S GROVE, near Somerset, Pa., on the line of the N. & C. R. R., has been thoroughly cleared out and fitted up with covered dancing platform, shelter, tables, benches, etc., and will be rented to picnic parties at a moderate charge. The N. & C. R. R. will give special excursion rates to organizations and will run special trains to suit any arrangements that may be made. For information address: W. W. PICKENS, Somerset, Pa. may 23-24th

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