

RECEDING RIVERS.

THE STREAMS REPORTED FALLING AT ALL POINTS.

Rapid Decline in the Sacramento—Broken Yolo Levees—The Situation North and South.

Thousands of people—men, women and children—visited the river front yesterday to view the treading waters that were rushing past on their way to the ocean and incidentally to deluge farms and cattle ranches before reaching there. The river continued to rise slowly during the day, and at sundown had reached the extreme height of 26 feet 11 inches, but it began to recede, and by 6 o'clock had fallen several inches. While the water was at its highest point the railroad tracks along the water front were several inches under water in some low places, but the running of trains was not interfered with.

There was great activity displayed along the levee below the city, and also on the Yolo side. The farmers on this side had done practically nothing to protect their valuable lands from inundation, and the City Trustees found it necessary to take hand and spend a few dollars there in order to save the city the inconvenience of having back-water up against its south levee for several months to come.

In addition to what the Trustees did there, several public-spirited citizens put their hands into the matter, and were paid men to carry bags of earth to protect weak spots in the levee. Messrs. David Lubin, L. P. Gilman and others were conspicuous in their efforts to keep at bay the threatening water.

Trustee Wolf assumed the duty of looking after the levee from Sutterville to the Riverside House, leaving Mayor Gregory and Trustee McLaughlin to attend to that portion between Sutterville and the city. Mr. Wolf worked like a Trojan all evening, and went on duty again in the morning with the determination of fighting it out on the same line all night.

UP THE RIVER. A gentleman who came down from Marysville yesterday on the steamer Knight No. 3, related to a Riverside reporter the story of a dam that was broken on both sides, and the damage on the east side was greatest. Farms were flooded along the river, and many horses and cattle in many places were standing in water several feet deep. In other places the narrow strips of land that had withstood the rushing waters were covered with livestock. The scene from the deck of the steamer was one of desolation, the water swirling out and submerging the country for miles on either side.

At half-past 9 o'clock last night Mr. Wolf returned to the city, and reported that the river had fallen a foot at Oak Hill (Riverside House), and that all danger to the levee on this side was over. He had sent to town at 10 o'clock in the evening for men and implements, and Kent Bros. took down two wagon-loads, numbering thirty-three men. These were stationed along the levee for duty during the night, and Mr. Wolf concluded to return and take the rest he so much needed.

He reported that there were four breaks in the Yolo levee below Washington—the first at a point a mile and a half below that town; the next at Dr. Snyder's ranch, a half and one-half miles down; the next at Meagown's place, three miles down, and the next at Buckmaster's, Carrages's place, a few miles below there.

A little later the Record-Union received word from Walnut Grove to the effect that a break had occurred in the levee at Clarkburg, also on the Yolo side. Rumors continued to come in of other breaks on that side, but they could not be verified.

At the Elkhorn ranch, some ten miles above Washington, there were reports of a break in the levee, and the effect was soon apparent on this side in the rapid falling of the water along Front street.

Major Gregory telephoned this office during the evening that the entire levee between this city and the Riverside House was being patrolled by a large force of men, and all weak places guarded and strengthened, the river water being lower, and the real danger that threatened that section averted.

Superintendent Wright of the railroad company had train-loads of bags filled with earth stationed on Front street during the day and night, ready to be sent wherever needed.

The workmen on the levee below the city were kept constantly supplied with the necessary material for filling the weak places, and the utmost vigilance observed.

The Trustees denied a request made by Colonel McNess that the levee between the drainage canal into the river by means of the pipe used on a former occasion when the river was low, as in the opening of the pipe at the present stage of the water would simply let the water back into the canal, which would only add to the trouble.

Supervisors Tebbets and Black visited the levee below the city yesterday, and authorized, on behalf of the board, the employment of men and purchase of material for protecting the embankment.

The case of Mrs. Lakin, who resides on the Yolo side a short distance below the city, is a sad one. For two days and nights she has labored to protect the levee of her place, and yesterday had to see it vanish. A gentleman who passed there yesterday said she was still laboring heroically, almost to the point of death in water, but her efforts were in vain.

David Lubin offered 125 cents for each bag of earth placed on the levee, and on a certain weak spot in the levee near Sutterville yesterday. Some of the men present took hold and worked so lively that they earned a day's wages in the allotted time.

STILL FALLING. A Record-Union reporter visited the L street gauge on the river front at midnight last night, and found that the water had fallen more than a foot since sundown. A decline of at least two feet more may reasonably be looked for to-day.

DOWN THE RIVER. The Pierson District Escapes—People Crying for Help. WALNUT GROVE, December 12th.—The water here this forenoon is within two feet ten inches of the top of the levee along the Pierson district. The water is high but everything is safe.

river, the water in the Sutter title basin has been from one to three feet higher than ever before known.

The railroad extension to Knights Landing is covered with water from Marcuse's ranch, which is near the edge of the title basin, and gravel trains were to-day unable to proceed farther than that point. It is not known whether any damage to the road-bed under water has occurred or not.

Along the inner edge of the basin breaks have occurred in the levees at numerous points, and much low land is flooded by water from the tides.

Breaks are reported at the ranches of Bossen, Rideout, Sutter Land Company and Parks, respectively. The extent of the damage is not yet ascertained, but probably a considerable acreage of grain is overflooded.

A break in the levee at or near Knights Landing on the west side of the Sacramento, and much low land is flooded by water from the tides.

The delayed Oregon express trains went to the city this afternoon. The weather is clear and cool.

The Yuba and Feather rivers have fallen several feet since yesterday.

IN THE MOUNTAINS. NICHOLS, December 12th.—Every available man was working on the levee last night. The water reached the highest point ever known—eighteen feet nine inches. Many leaks and holes were stopped by great exertion.

The news comes from across the river that Humboldt's levee has broken, and Mrs. Bossen's has gone out for half a mile. The Rideout levee is now expected to go any moment above Clark's house.

District No. 2 is now intact its entire length.

Water is running over the top of the levee at Claus Peters' place, in District No. 6.

CHICO AND VICINITY. CHICO, December 12th.—The chief injury done in this section has been the destruction of the free bridge, which the Sacramento, which cost \$30,000. Railroad connection with this city has been suspended since Monday. All the streams are falling to-day, however.

Breaks have occurred in the Stanford levee on Butte creek, and much land is flooded in the Butte ranch upward of fifty head of stock has been drowned, and many at other points along the river.

SEVEN FEET FELL AT RED BLUFF. RED BLUFF, December 12th.—The river is falling here very fast, and all danger is passed, so far as Tehama county is concerned. There is but little to report beyond what was sent last night.

The river here is now fourteen feet, a drop of seven feet since yesterday noon.

RIVER FALLING AT REDDING. REDDING, December 12th.—The water has fallen very much since yesterday. Very little damage has resulted to property in this county, and that mostly to railroad. We have had a fine day, and the sun came out for a short time, but at noon there were appearances of a continuance of the weather.

The water was warm, and the snow has not fallen very low down on the hills.

Train 16, that lay at Dunsnett yesterday, and which transferred its passengers to the train lying here, and will return to Oregon after dinner, with a fair prospect of getting through.

We have had no mails here for two days, and none are expected before to-morrow, and not then if the storm renews its violence.

The rain in this city early yesterday morning amounted to 29.94 inches, and during the 24 hours ending 5 o'clock in the morning, as against 6.14 to an equal date last year.

The papers at San Francisco claim this to be the wettest December ever known at that point. That may be the case there, but certainly is not so here.

The amount of rain in this city during the month of October in this city gave the greatest amount ever known in a record of 40 years (39.2 inches), but November has given us 5.62 inches. The heaviest for the entire month of December in 40 years, was in 1852, when 13.40 inches were measured.

The present month is very near half ended, and we have a little over 5 inches. It might be safely said that the present month will not beat the record, nor is there a prospect of the record for this season up to December 31st overtopping that of 1852, when 19.40 inches were measured.

The barometer at 5 o'clock last evening was 29.94 inches at Red Bluff, with southerly winds, cloudy weather, and a light rain during the afternoon. The barometer is rising from Olympia to Sacramento, with light winds, and a few showers of rain, but generally is cloudy, with no rainfall north of this State.

These meteorological conditions at this writing seem to point strongly to the end of the rapidly moving high and low barometrical areas that have followed each other in such rapid succession for weeks past over and up and down the Pacific slope.

The wind in this city at 7:20 o'clock last night was from the east, about three miles per hour, and the weather clear.

BRIEF NOTES. The Ladies Howard Relief Society will meet this afternoon at Cedar Hall, at 1 o'clock. Persons needing assistance are requested to be present.

Robert Bennett, alias Keyward, who burglarized the basement of the Missionary Kitchen, will probably plead guilty and be landed soon in the Penitentiary.

Judge Leonard, ex-Chief Justice of the State of Nevada, has removed to this city, where he has formed a partnership with Add C. Hinkson in the practice of the law.

The prizes at the Eureka Social Club's masquerade ball were won as follows: Best dressed lady, Eva Higgins; best dressed gentleman, N. Leibling; best character by a girl, Miss Berry; best character by a gentleman, David Wasserman; best original character by a lady, Josie Nathan; best sustained character by a gentleman, E. K. S. Sherman; best group, "The Dumb Trio," Ed Marks, I. Zsimer and H. Marks.

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