

ICE-COATED KEOKUK HAS WORST SEASON OF DAMAGE

Telephone and Telegraph Companies Crippled Badly While Power Company Sustains Loss to Some of Its Heavier Wires in the City

WILL TAKE WEEK TO REPAIR BREAKS

Wire Chief Nichols and U. S. Weather Observer Goeswisch With Scores of Citizens Say Freeze-up Worst in City's History

- Keokuk's worst property devastating freeze in 35 years arrived.
- This city the center of area of destruction from rain which fell Friday and froze everything tight.
- Amount of damage cannot be estimated at this time though supposedly several thousand dollars in wire companies property destroyed here by freeze.
- Large forces of linemen putting service in shape again.
- Postal Telegraph company unable to get any "wire" whatever.
- Gangs working from Burlington toward Keokuk and from Keokuk into Monroe district today, starting at dawn.
- Western Union first wire to Chicago at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.
- Wire chiefs of telegraph and telephone boards report that week will be required to straighten broken and frozen situation.
- No toll lines working at local phone exchanges all yesterday.
- Forces of wire workers insufficient to handle trouble which covers entire city and is not heaviest in any one district.
- Car and light service resumed Saturday night after 24 hour shutdown to protect public from dangerously dropping electric wires.
- No loss of life reported from freeze though bad falls are numerous.
- Public must wait in resigned content for telephone situation to resume proper status, as wire companies are doing best to relieve line conditions.
- Fall of snow and east wind promised.

ent iced conditions before. The rain of Friday and freeze of Saturday brought with it unparalleled devastation of property, especially to the several wire companies of the city. From meagre telegraph reports, this city is in the center of the freeze which is similar to that of a year ago on January 12, only decidedly worse, as telegraph and telephonic communication are crippled almost completely and hours of strenuous labor of line and construction gangs will be required to right the situation and close hundreds of broken circuits which occurred as the heavy weight of ice freezing on the wires, bore down cables, heavy are light wires and in dozens of cases, huge poles used for the stringers were snapped off and lie about the city in scores of places.

The seemingly impossible breaking off of huge boughs of trees in almost every street and block in the city and the bearing down of fences under the pressure of frozen masses, is but of secondary moment in comparison with the wire companies losses. The leaves of an enormous book would be required to record the extent of the damage generally as it has occurred and it is estimated that several thousand dollars would not be computing the amount of destruction too conservatively.

Trouble Everywhere in City.
Broken circuits and snapped wires do not exist more largely in one section of the city than another. All over Keokuk wires are down and every available lineman is a troublemaker and will be for a week at least, putting the telephone and telegraph system in shape the same as before the freeze.

In many places, the wires have held up under the burden of heavy three and four inch coatings of ice. The main trouble however, has been with falling branches of trees and

in some instances entire trees snapping off and falling onto the wires or bearing them down under a great weight.

The Telephone Companies.
Both the Bell and the Home phone lines suffered severely crippled systems, the latter company the worst of the two from reports. Not enough men have been available to take hold of the wire work at the Home phone office and Wire Chief Watson and what men he has, have been working under difficulties.

Not a toll wire out of the city was in working order Saturday and it was not possible at midnight or an early hour this morning to secure toll communication with any other neighboring cities.

From information obtained by telegraph, the situation is practically the same at Burlington and Quincy and intervening cities, also east as far as Galesburg. It was possible to get a train wire through to Hannibal this noon at the Western Union offices.

Worst in 31 Years.
J. W. Nichols, wire chief of the Bell Telephone company, said yesterday: "In my thirty-one years' connection with the Bell Telephone company in this city, I never before saw conditions so bad as they are at the present time. The trouble lies in all parts of the city and in no one place more than another. The ice freezing on the wires has wrought a great amount of damage and it will take a week at least to repair the breaks."

"We are closing up the circuits as fast as possible. The commercial district is practically all repaired and the phones there in working order. The entire damage to the wires cannot be estimated at this time. We have eighteen men and two teams working in the Monroe district and as speedily as possible all circuits will be connected. There are fifteen or twenty men working in various parts of the city. Tell the public that as quickly as we possibly can do the work, service will be restored. It will take all of a week to repair the damage to the wires."

Telegraph Wires Knocked Out.
It was three o'clock yesterday afternoon before the Western Union telegraph offices could get a Chicago wire. It was ten o'clock in the morning before the operators were able to reach St. Louis. Forces of wiremen are at work putting the wires in shape again and with all possible haste the breaks will be repaired and the circuit connected up.

Later reports of the freeze say that the damage to the wires extends east of Galesburg, where heavy rains fell Friday.

Postal Completely Lost.
Manager Dumars of the Postal Telegraph Co., here, reported late yesterday that he had been unable to get a wire anywhere yesterday. Two or three of the Western Union Telegraph Companies for the Santa Fe and C. B. three gangs are working down from Burlington, putting up the wires.

The local manager will go to Burlington or somewhere along the line this morning, if he is unable to obtain a Postal wire and ascertain when the company will again be in a position to receive and dispatch messages. The telephone wires of the Postal

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Oil Company Wins Victory in Iowa

Supreme Court Says Indiana Concern Did Not Violate State Unfair Competition Law.

The Standard Oil company of Indiana, indicted in Lyon county for alleged violation of the Iowa unfair competition law, won a victory in the supreme court last week. The high tribunal handed down an opinion affirming the action of the lower court in dismissing the indictment against the alleged "oil" trust.

In the original indictment it was charged that the Standard Oil Company violated the Iowa unfair competition and discrimination law by selling the same grade of oil higher in Doon in Lyon county than it did in Alton in Sioux county.

A demurrer to this indictment was filed by the oil company's attorneys, claiming that the indictment was not good because the alleged offense was not against the citizens of Doon, but against the citizens of Alton, where the low prices were charged. It was claimed that the indictment should have been returned in Sioux county.

In this contention the lower court upheld the oil company and sustained the demurrer. The supreme court took the same view of the question.

The high court not only found that the offense, if there were one, was committed by the oil company in Sioux county, but also that the indictment returned failed to show any offense to have been committed in Lyon county.

"There could be no stifling of competition or creation of monopoly in Doon by selling at a higher rate than in Alton," says the court in its opinion. "To constitute the offense charged there must have been a selling in Doon at a lower rate than in some other community."

Further the opinion says: "It is clear to us that the indictment was drawn under an entire misapprehension of the purpose of the statute, which, as above indicated, was not to prevent injury to the consumer by charging too much, but injury to the public by stifling competition and creating a monopoly."

Cars Hard Running.

On account of ice being frozen to the trolley wires, street car service was maintained with difficulty last night. The cars were off all during the day. The Interurban car was not run at all. Manager A. D. Ayres ordering the large Warsaw and Hamilton car off at 9:20 Friday evening on account of the ice delaying schedule time.

It is possible that the Interurban service will be resumed today.

Hamilton Wire Trouble.

During early Saturday morning a mass of more than a hundred wires fell across the roadway at Eleventh and Broadway, in Hamilton, Ill. It became necessary to cut these wires in two and cut off all currents to protect lives and property. The telephone and other wire damage at Hamilton is said to be serious. Warsaw is

also undergoing more than her share of wire difficulties.

Sight Wierd But Beautiful.

One cannot help but remark at the strange yet pretty picture which the ice coating on the trees and all other side nature and structures, has made. The sight is one which has occurred almost yearly in this city for the past three or four winter seasons, though the climax of nature's strange freaks in ice, seems to have been reached at the present time.

Encased two and three inches deep, the entire branches, trunks and limbs of bushes, trees and other plant life, present a scene of natural beauty that would delight the senses of the most critical artist.

All over the city great limbs of trees have been broken down and though the limbs of humans have been spared with the exception of one or two exceptions, these appendages on trees lie in hundreds of places.

Yesterday morning many of the streets were impassable on account of the heaps of branches in them and axes and other means had to be employed in moving the obstructions.

Fences in a number of places were broken down by the ice and other structures under the weight of the heavy coatings, gave way.

Snow is Promised.

Yesterday U. S. Weather Observer Goeswisch was unable to get a "weather wire." From instruments in his office in the top of the government building, however, there is a possibility of snow today. The wind will change to the east and cold, snappy weather will accompany the ice, which looks as though it has come to stay for a day or so.

Speaking of the situation yesterday, Observer Goeswisch said: "This is the worst I have seen in all of my thirty years in Keokuk with the weather department. I came here in 1881."

In looking up his records for The Gate City, Mr. Goeswisch found that on the seventeenth of December, 1909, the sidewalks and streets became covered with a coating of ice which remained on for a month. On the 22nd of January, nearly a year ago, rain fell just about the same as Friday and froze things up all over the city and in this section. The freeze, however, was not nearly so heavy as the one of yesterday.

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LIVE WIRE HIT ANOTHER

W. H. Dodge, Brother of Keokuk Man, Was Thrown From Buggy by Shock—Boy Shoots Himself With Air Gun.

Nine-year-old Jennie Harrison who lives at 610 South Ninth street, met with a very painful accident while sliding on South Tenth street Saturday afternoon. The little girl was coasting down the hill on the slick ice at a rapid rate of speed when she lost control of the sled and was plunged into the unprotected end of a sewer. A comminuted fracture of the right leg about a third the distance from the knee to the ankle resulted and of such a severe nature was it that the girl was removed to St. Joseph's hospital for medical treatment. Quite a long piece of the tibia or what is commonly known as the shin bone was forced far back into the flesh.

Very Severe Dislocation.

John S. Ferguson, veteran of the civil war, residing at 1602 Carroll street, slipped on the icy pavement at his home and suffered a dislocation of the right shoulder, accompanied by a crushing of the socket. The arm thus injured is one cut off about the elbow, Mr. Ferguson having lost it in the war. The dislocation and injury going with it is likely to give the aged citizen much trouble. He is past eighty years old and has many friends among the veterans of Keokuk.

Shot by Air Rifle.

An air rifle accident occurred in Keokuk several days ago in which the victim was twelve-year-old Ralph O'Brien of Thirteenth and Timoa street. He was playing with the gun and accidentally discharged it, the tiny bullet penetrating the thumb of his right hand. A doctor was summoned and it required considerable cutting to locate the bullet.

Live Wire Nearly Fatal.

W. H. Dodge of Hamilton, Ill., brother of C. H. Dodge of Keokuk, encountered a live wire while driving from his grocery store late Friday afternoon. The wire fell, dropping into the buggy and across the driver's lap. Mr. Dodge received a heavy shock and was thrown violently from his buggy to the ground. He was picked up almost immediately by friends and hurried to his home, where medical attention was summoned.

AMUSEMENTS.

Beverly.
It was a troupe of conscientious and earnest actors who played "Beverly" at the Grand matinee and evening Saturday, the second of George Barr McCutcheon's dramatized works to appear here in the week. The play took well with the greater portion of the audience. "Beverly," however, is not as good a play as "Granstark."

Rev. Potter's Lecture.
Because of the inclement weather of Friday evening Dr. Potter's lecture at the Trinity M. E. church on "The Fall of Babylon" was postponed to Tuesday evening, January 17th. This lecture is Dr. Potter's masterpiece as far as glowing description and historic value is concerned. Wherever Dr. Potter has delivered this lecture he has delighted his audience and held them vitally interested from the very beginning of the lecture to its close. Everyone who appreciates beautiful description, humor and stories and a lecture that is uplifting and educational in every respect should hear Rev. Potter. Admission 25c.

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