

SNOWBOUND.

By the Heaviest Storms of Recent Years

Local History Contains No Record of Its Equal.

Trains, Cars and People Tied Up by the Snow.

Fruit and Vegetation Have Suffered Little as Yet ---But Business Was Almost at a Standstill In Many Cities.

Over two feet of snow on a level would have been the record of April 20, 1901, had not much of it melted. As it was, there was sufficient to block the business of Akron and many other cities of this section, and on the railroads and electric lines nearly suspend traffic.

It was by far the worst storm for this season known to the history of Northern Ohio. In the quality of the snow fall and disastrous results arising therefrom, Akron has had no snow storm in several years which equaled it. Elsewhere, in Canton, for instance, the snow was much deeper.

All day Friday the snow came down accompanied by some rain. Most of the snow melted, but after sundown it thawed less. All night and all day Saturday the storm continued.

Up to 5 o'clock Friday evening, the snow fall, according to observations made by Prof. H. V. Egbert, at the Buchtel college observatory, was five inches. From then until 1 p.m. Saturday 18.7 inches more fell. Prof. Egbert measured the snow on a level at noon Saturday and found it 13 inches deep. This allows nothing for that which melted.

Prof. Egbert says: "The storm is due to a low area which formed in Texas, April 13, and has been moving northeast. It brought a moist warm atmosphere, which, meeting the cooler air currents of this section, turned to snow. No one can tell how long it will last, but it will probably not be long. The records show that a thunder storm generally follows a snow storm in April, within a few days."

The college observatory records show that in 1896 there was two inches of snow on the 27th of April. On April 25, 1888, one inch of snow fell. But the snow of Saturday is more than all the snows of April for the past 15 years combined.

Often there has been but a trace of snow in April, but more generally the fall equals one inch.

The extent of the storm cannot be definitely ascertained. There is no snow west of Ashland, and comparatively little in Cleveland. East and south the storm appears to have been quite general.

The merchants were among the worst sufferers, their Saturday trade amounting to very little, when they had planned for a first-class business day. But on all the streets one could have counted on his fingers the number of people in sight at almost any time from morning until night.

EIGHT PAGE EDITION.

The Democrat, in order to be able to catch early trains, supplies its Barberton, Guyahops Falls and other suburb-

an readers with an eight page paper today. The 12 page edition is supplied to Akron readers as usual.

TIE-UP

Almost Resulted on the Street Car Lines.

"Worst snow storm with which we've even had to contend," said Manager Bellstein of the N. O. T. Co., Saturday morning.

SNOW PLOW WOULD'T WORK. "The snow is so deep, wet and heavy that the snow plow can do nothing with it, and we are obliged to put a force of men at work shoveling it off the tracks."

A force of 50 men began at 8 o'clock removing snow from the tracks on the city lines, and operators on the suburban lines had to carry shovels with them to dig out when the cars got stuck.

At 8 o'clock the conditions amounted almost to a tie-up of the entire local street car service. In some instances cars could scarcely be started from the barns, and schedules were delayed on some lines as much as four hours. On no line is the regular schedule better than two hours late.

NO BARBERTON SERVICE. No cars can be got through between Akron and Barberton. The first car is due to leave Barberton at 5:15, but it was stuck at New Portage, and had to go back to the barn.

CAN'T REACH KENT, EITHER. The first car for Kent left Akron at 5:30, but it didn't reach the village,

being stuck between the Falls and Kent.

NORTH HILL CARS STUCK. The small cars on North Hill are unable to make the trip. This knocks out the service of small cars on the line between Akron and the Falls, but the big A., B. & C. cars are plowing their way through to fairly good advantage, and this provides accommodation for Falls citizens. Cars on the Rapid Transit line between Akron and the Falls are also tied up.

SERVICE GOOD AS POSSIBLE. The company has been doing its best all day to make the service as good as possible, but is handicapped by being unable to use snow plows. By noon the cars were running fairly well.

NOTHING LIKE IT,

"Oldest Inhabitant" Concedes All Records Broken.

"I have lived in Akron 66 years and I am 83 years old," said Mr. S. A. Lane, the historian to a reporter who called on him Saturday, "and I can not recall any storm at this season of the year to equal this one. We have had snow at later dates, but we have had heavier snows many a time, but I remember no snow anywhere nearly as heavy, so late in the spring."

NO HARM

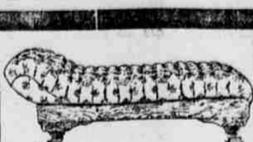
Has Been Done to Fruit and Vegetation.

"Thus far there has been no damage to vegetation," said Mr. Aaron Teeple, Saturday noon. "Unless freezing weather sets in, fruit and gardens will escape practically unharmed. There is some danger to trees by reason of the great weight upon them, but in most cases the foliage is not dense enough to cause a dangerous weight of snow to accumulate on the branches."

CLEVELAND

Was Not Touched by Storm—No Snow There.

A remarkable freak of the storm is that it did not hit Cleveland at all. A passenger from that city reported at 10 o'clock that there had been no



Another big lot of the famous

"Karpén Kouch"

Just in. Those who have been waiting for this shipment can be pleased now. Don't delay making your selections at once and get a choice of a large assortment of upholsterings.

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Dodge,

Everything for Home and Office.

124-126 S. Howard St.

snow there when he left. At Salamanca there was but two inches of snow and at Gallon it did not begin to snow until 10 o'clock this morning.

SIX FEET DEEP.

Canton Has Suffered More Than Akron Wreck.

Canton suffered more than Akron. Between that city and Massillon the tracks were covered to a depth of six and seven feet. Not a wheel turned on the street car lines in the city. The Pennsylvania train west jumped the track between Canton and Massillon and is stuck in a deep snow drift.

TELEGRAPH

Wires Were All Down—Would Not Accept Messages.

The railroads and telegraph companies were rendered practically helpless by the storm. Saturday it was impossible to send a telegram to any point outside of Akron. The Western Union had a wire into Cleveland up to 9 o'clock when it broke down under the weight of the snow. The wires to the east gave way during the night. The Postal notified its patrons early Saturday morning that it could not accept any messages. The long distance telephone companies were more fortunate as they had wires to Cleveland and Columbus.

RAILROAD

Wires Were Not Working Out of Akron.

The C., A. & C., P. & W., B. & O. and Northern Ohio, could not get a message out of Akron Saturday morn-

ing. The Erie wires were working west and the Valley had connections with Canton and Cleveland. Until 9:30 o'clock the Erie was able to reach Salamanca. After that hour all communication was cut off.

The train from Columbus was delayed by the storm. It struck the snow near Orrville. As it proceeded north the snow became much deeper.

STALLED.

Erie Train 5 Could Not Reach Akron.

Erie train No. 5, from the east, due here at 7:08, was reported two hours late. An hour later this was increased to three hours. At 10 o'clock the train had not arrived and the operator was unable to ascertain when it would get into Akron. It was learned at noon that the train was stalled at Ravenna. It is unable to get out of that place. Behind it are trains 15 and 13. These will not arrive until train 5 gets out of Ravenna.

ELEVEN HOURS

Behind Schedule Time—B. & O. From East.

B. & O. train No. 5, from the East, due in this city at 11 o'clock Friday night did not arrive until 10 o'clock Saturday morning, being delayed by the snow and a landside near Pittsburgh. For several hours it was impossible to get any trace of the train as the wires were all down. The train from Washington had not arrived at noon and the telegraphers here were unable to give any figures as to the time of its arrival. The trains on the B. & O. from the West were on time as west of Akron there was no trouble.

SNOWED IN.

Freight Trains Could Not Get by Union Depot.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of the storm noticed in Akron was that of a C., A. & C. freight train being snowed in just beyond the East Market st. bridge. It was stalled there at 4 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock a horse and snow plow were called into use to dig the train out. It could not go ahead or move backward. The train will be annihilated.

VALLEY TRAINS

Stopped Coming Into Akron After 10 O'clock.

After 10 o'clock none of the Valley trains were running. Up to that time the dispatcher had been able to keep a wire going between Akron and Canton. It went down at 10 o'clock and no trains were run. Between Akron and Cleveland he sent all messages via the North Howard st. station, telephoning to that place

Grand Closing Musical Event

Of the Season, at the

Grand Opera House

On

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd, 1901

Ernest Gamble **CHAS. HEYDLER**
The Celebrated Cellist of Cleveland.

The Great Basso of America. **EDWIN SHONERT**
The Well-Known Pianist.

TICKETS

Reserved Seats—Parquet, Dress Circle and first two rows in Balcony..... \$1.00
Reserved Seats—Balcony, except first two rows... 50c
Gallery..... 35c

Tickets will be on sale and box sheet open on Friday, April 26, 1901, at the ticket office of the Grand Opera House. This concert is given under the auspices of Miss Minnetta Henneberger, for the benefit of the building fund of Akron's new Music Hall.

It Took the Bell Co.



Seventeen years to reduce telephone rates; it won't take them seventeen minutes to advance them if the local company goes out of business. If you want a telephone

Ask the

Akron People's

Solicitor to Call

from the Union depot. In order to get the B. & O. passengers from the West into Cleveland he had two coaches waiting at the Union depot for the train from Chicago. The passengers were transferred from the Union depot to the Howard st. station. It was impossible to run the train beyond the Union depot.

only Dr. H. D. Todd when a physician is needed at the City Prison or City Building. Commissioner O. L. McMillen issued the order. Dr. Todd is a close friend of Mayor W. B. Doyle.

TO PASS THE CROWD.

All Cannot be Brilliant no Matter How Healthy.

It probably comes to every thoughtful person at times that there are plenty of common, mediocre people, and that if one determines to, he or she can press to the front, pass the crowd, and win position, fame and gold. It is largely a matter of determination and health. Many a determined character with brilliant possibilities, is held back by ill health. Some find that bright, keen thoughts refuse to come to their brains, and wonder why.

The kind of brain work that makes successful Merchants, Lawyers, Doctors, Authors, etc., etc., makes heavy draughts on the filling of the minute nerve cells of the body, said filling composed of a greyish sort of material which must be replaced day by day, or the brain and other parts of the body will not act properly.

Coffee is a hidden but powerful enemy to one's progress in life. Its subtle, narcotic poison, weakens heart, interferes with digestion and has a definite and destructive effect on the nervous system. People who are content to load themselves with impediments to progress, who refuse to supply body with food and drink of the kind needed to make up for the daily disintegration of the nerves and tissue, must stand aside in the race for pre-eminence.

The ones who are properly fed, will surely win the laurels.

Postum Food Coffee furnishes the gluten and phosphates of grain needed by Nature to nourish brain and nerves with food. It does not narcotize and tear down. It is frequently misjudged on first trial, because of improper preparation, but it will be found to be a most delicious beverage if, after boiling commences, it be allowed to continue boiling for 15 minutes. This is necessary to extract the food value and flavor.

There are those who are entirely careless as to what goes into the stomach, but the one who would make all his movements tend towards health and possible greatness, cannot afford to risk adulterated food or drink or even coffee.

BRAVED THE STORM.

100 Country Boys and Girls Here Attending Boxwell Examination.

Despite the snow storm, 100 boys and girls from various parts of Summit county got to Akron this morning to attend the Boxwell examination being held at the High school today. The examination will be continued until evening.

Family Washings.

Have your family wash done at the Akron Laundry Co., this week. Reasonable rates and excellent work. Phones 255. Nos. 161-163, S. High st.

DEEP SNOW.

Mayor McNamara Recalls a Storm In 1857.

(Special Correspondence.)
Barberton, April 20.—Mayor McNamara, who is nearly 60 years of age, said this morning: "I never saw a worse snow storm so late in April, but on the 14th of April, 1857, there was a terrible snow storm. I recall it clearly, because I started on that day from my home at Newbury, Geauga county, on a trip to Canada. The snow was pretty deep when I started, but when half way between Ashtabula and Buffalo, the train stuck in the snow, and it was four hours before we could proceed. Besides being two feet deep on the level, the snow also drifted badly. "When I reached Quebec, I found that the ice on the St. Lawrence river was seven feet thick."

DR. TODD.

Police Instructed to Give Him All Patronage.

The police have been notified to call



FAMILIAR SCENE IN AKRON'S BUSINESS STREETS TODAY.