

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.  
The range of the thermometer at the Times office yesterday was as follows: 9 A. M., 51; 12 M., 52; 3 P. M., 58; 6 P. M., 55; 9 P. M., 50; 12 midnight, 42; average, 51.

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# WATERS REDEED FROM THEIR RUIN

## Damage Done is Estimated by Millions.

### OHIO RIVER FALLING. Flood Over at Pittsburg, But Lower Town in Danger.

### RAILROADS RESUME WORK. For Several Days, However, No Pretense Will Be Made of Running on Schedule Time—The Mills Are Still Idle as Result of Mud—Damage Done Crops in the South.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, PA., April 22.—The flood is over. Notwithstanding the fact that in the early day there was every evidence of a renewal of the high water, the announcement can be made authoritatively to-night that there is not the least danger of another rise at this point nor above for the present, but towns on the Ohio River below here are not yet out of danger, because of rains in the valley last night and to-day.

All up-river reports report that rain and snow have ceased and the rivers falling. The Ohio registered 38.8 at the dam here at 7 o'clock, and falling. It is expected that a steady downpour will require a week or more to get the water down to a level such that it is not likely, in the rivers such as this city are down such that the works along the banks are running.

There is a great deal of cleaning up to be done. The flood brought in much silt and mud that it left when it receded, and it will require a day or two to move it from many of the mills. In a number of places this mud has clogged up the machinery, some of which will have to be taken apart and cleaned.

The crops and runs which do so much damage in the water districts on Saturday and Sunday, and the water is so high that it will well within their banks to-night, and mud and silt are the only reminders left of the storm.

Carnegie Borough is busy cleaning up and repairing the bridges, houses and roads that were destroyed when Char-lesburg ran wild. The same state of affairs exists at McKee's Rocks and other towns that the water reached.

The railroads have resumed operations to all parts, but for several days no pretense of running on schedule time will be made.

Looking over the ground shows that losses will be fully as great as was estimated yesterday. In and about Pittsburg it will probably take \$1,000,000 to pay the total cost of the injury to property in and about the city.

It is a great loss to the railroads and manufacturing plants and down the rivers in this immediate vicinity, with the loss in wages to workmen, and the total will not fall far short of the \$2,000,000.

The work of cleaning up is going on everywhere in the flooded district. Most of the water-front mills and factories are still idle, and will be until the mud is washed out of the machinery and water pumped out of the pits.

### FROST AND SNOW. Crops and Fruit in the South Extensively Damaged.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, Ga., April 22.—Low temperatures, in some sections injurious to cotton and other growing crops, prevailed over the Southern States to-day. The Weather Bureau reports light frost this morning in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Fla.; Meridian, Miss.; and at Charleston, S. C. Snow is reported at Gainesville, in northeast Georgia, the mountain tops being capped with white. It is an unusual sight at this time of the year.

Albany, in south Georgia, reports the estimated damage to cotton at fifty per cent, and that of wheat, corn and cantaloupes have been injured 25 per cent. Fruit in that section is apparently safe.

Valdosta, on the Florida line, says there has been no damage in that vicinity. Hazardsville, in the western part of the State, reports small vegetables were damaged. Fruit is not sprouted enough to receive any ill effect.

In north Georgia early vegetables were slightly damaged, but high winds and clouds prevented frost. The weather bureau predicts continued cold weather, with a possibility of frost for to-night. American weather letters from counties where considerable replanting of cotton will be necessary.

A dispatch from Macon says: Cotton growers in this county do not regard the staple as seriously hurt by recent unseasonable weather, but letters from counties where Macon indicate a great deal of crop will have to be replanted. Seed is very scarce. Fruit growers here believe the trees are still in fair condition.

### AT CINCINNATI. River Still Rising and Railroad Shut Off from Central Station.

(By Associated Press.)  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, April 22.—The stage of the river here at 6 o'clock to-night was 51 feet and rising at the rate of two inches an hour. This will mean a rise of 60 feet to the top of the Grand Central Station. The Big Four, Baltimore and Ohio, Southwestern, Illinois Central, Chesapeake and Ohio, Queen and Crescent and other lines using that station have already arranged to use the Fourth and Eighth-Street stations to-morrow, and there is every indication that they can run into the Grand Central Station again on Thursday.

There will be no interruption here either to passenger or freight traffic.

Owing to the inability of steamers to go under the bridges, navigation on the river is suspended, and the Cincinnati, Portsmouth and other lines using that station are being operated by tugboats.

The residents of tenement houses along the Ohio River front were driven from the first stories when the river reached a stage of forty-five feet last night. The danger in the city to-day, since when the jobbers, warehousemen, and manufacturers in the lower part of the city have been suffering.

# THE CANDIDATES VISIT HALIFAX

## Montague and Swanson Mix With the Voters.

### NO JOINT DISCUSSION. Massey and Boaz Ran on Ball Bearings.

### MASSEY DETAINED BY SICKNESS. The Democrats of Surry and Prince George Will Hold Another Convention and Make Good Their Former Failure to Nominate—J. H. C. Beverly Chosen by Tappahannock Convention.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAVANNAH, GA., April 22.—Reports from the fruit points of Newport are almost wholly to the effect that the cold water of Saturday and Sunday was without serious results. Fort Valley, Barnsville and Marshallville, the most important peach centers in the State, report no appreciable damage done.

From the pear and grape sections the news is reassuring, and a full crop is looked for. Watermelons have been damaged to the extent of about 33-35 per cent., as have cantaloupes. Much of the young cotton has been killed and will have to be replanted.

### Below Freezing at Knoxville. (By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 22.—This is the coldest point south of St. Paul, according to Weather Bureau reports, the temperature being 29 at 7 A. M. Indications are for warmer weather, however.

Kingsport and Rogersville report many orchards ruined on account of heavy snow breaking the limbs. Bristol and other upper east Tennessee points report snow still falling.

### Snow Six Feet Deep. (By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 22.—A party of herders reached here to-day from the Smoky Mountains, having been driven out by the heavy snow. They report that four inches of snow were in danger of freezing when they left.

According to their story the snow was from four to six feet deep when they started from the mountains.

### Snow Still Falling. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, KY., April 22.—The snow which commenced last Friday has not ceased falling. The water is higher than they have been since 1883. Great damage is being done by the drowning of live stock. The farmers are also heavy losers by having all the soil washed off their freshly plowed fields.

# MADAME BLAUVELT DECORATED

## Unique Honor for the Great American Singer. The Festival Expenses.

Madame Blauvelt returned to America last week after her brilliant European tour, wearing the decoration of St. Cecilia conferred upon her by the Royal Academy at Rome for her singing in Verdi's requiem. The great singer will come here from New York next Monday to take part in the festival of the Wednesday Club.

The allotment of seats to subscribers began yesterday and will be continued to-day.

# FOUR KILLED.

## Terrific Natural Gas Explosion in a Hotel. (By Associated Press.) ST. MARYS, W. VA., April 22.—A terrific natural gas explosion occurred in the Commercial Hotel early this morning. The entire building, a large frame, was a mass of flames when the startled citizens rushed from their homes at the report. The building was entirely destroyed, and to-day the ruins are being searched for bodies. Four persons were killed.

Sam Cunningham, oil driller, Raxford, Ohio.  
John George, oil man, Butler, Pa.  
Harry Robinson, tool dresser, Corning, Ohio.

John Slater, fifteen years old, son of the proprietor of the hotel.  
Others may be dead. The report that Thomas Smiley, an oil shooter, and his partner, were among the dead, is not true, the latter being uninjured. Several others are badly injured.

# NEW CANDIDATE MAY COME OUT

## It is Said Judge Phlegar Will Run for the Nomination to the Attorney-Generalship.

It seems almost certain that the name of Judge Archer A. Phlegar will be presented to the next Democratic State Convention as a candidate for the nomination for Attorney-General.

One of the best known Democrats in the State, who upon his retirement, said last night that there was no doubt that Judge Phlegar would be a candidate. He did not know that the Judge desired the honor, but said he knew the strongest pressure would be brought to bear upon him to make him become a candidate and he had no doubt that he would yield to the wishes of his friends.

The Southwest already has a candidate to succeed Mr. Montague in the person of Judge Samuel W. Williams, of Wyaloma. It is intimated that if Judge Phlegar desires the nomination Judge Williams will withdraw authorized.

Besides Judge Williams, State Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, and Captain R. S. Parks, of Page county, are candidates for the Attorney-Generalship. It may be that the fight for the third place on the ticket will prove as warm as that which is now being waged for the first place.

The selection for the Attorney-Generalship is bound to depend largely on the nomination made for the second place on the ticket. If Colonel Willard, of Fairfax, is given a hard fight for the nomination, there are some chances that the Attorney-Generalship will go to the Southwest. Upon the other hand if Senator Le Cato, of Accomac, be selected for the second place, it is not at all unlikely that the convention will go to Piedmont or the Southwest for an Attorney-General.

# THE WRECK CAR CAUGHT IN TUNNEL

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EAST RADFORD, VA., April 22.—The tunnel at Eggleston Springs, on the New River Line, fell in Saturday night just as General Manager L. E. Johnsons special car got through. The wrecking car was caught in the tunnel. Traffic is entirely blocked, but passengers and light baggage can be transferred. The tunnel will be difficult to clear and will not be open before Saturday night.

The damage by flood in the Norfolk and Western Railroad is estimated at \$25,000 to Radford city, \$5,000 to the farmers in New River Valley, many thousands of dollars, and cannot yet be estimated. The fields from which the water has receded are covered with mud and are being worked with offensive disease-breeding odor. The Governor arrived safely in Radford to-night.

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# THE INHUMAN TREATMENT OF THE HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE, THEN ABOUT TO BECOME A MOTHER, TOLD WITH CONVINCING CLEARNESS BY AN INTELLIGENT WITNESS—WILL BE IN. DOCTORS ARE STILL PUZZLED.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., April 22.—The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery county met to-day and after considering several eminent chemists of the State decided to employ Prof. Robert C. Price, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to make an analysis of the viscera of Mrs. Sallie Vaiden, who is supposed to have been poisoned by her husband, John Henry Vaiden, on the night of April 6th.

The feeling is very strong against Vaiden, though no fears of lynching are entertained. He is in jail and seems to take his confinement very quietly. His four small children are taken care of by his sister, who went to live with him after his wife's death, and they seem to know or care very little about her themselves.

He will probably be indicted to-morrow before the county court, but, but of course, will not be tried until Prof. Price completes the analysis. It was reported here to-day that the woman with whom Vaiden is alleged to have been intimate before his wife's death married a few days ago in another county, but his wife's only relative in this country is a brother who is a blacksmith living in Newport, Giles county. He was not sent for when Mrs. Vaiden died, but the Commonwealth's attorney has sent for him to come over for an interview.

The prisoner's counsel, Colonel J. Hampton Hoge, will make a motion for bail Thursday, but the Commonwealth's attorney will resist it.

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WEATHER FORECAST.  
Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia and North Carolina, cloudy Tuesday; possibly local showers Wednesday; fair; variable winds.

PRICE TWO CENTS

# TAKE T. P. A. MEN TO OLD POINT

## To Have National Convention Held There. CAUSE OF THE CHANGE

### Local Hotels Unable to Guarantee Sufficient Accommodations. BE A RICHMOND MEETING.

The National Convention of the Travelers' Protective Association will, as indicated in the Times soon after the burning of the Jefferson Hotel, be held at Old Point instead of in Richmond.

This change, which has been under consideration for several weeks, was officially announced last night by the local Committee of Arrangements which has in hand the preparations for the great meeting of traveling men. Before finally making the decision the committee went to Old Point and perfected all arrangements there.

The necessity for the change arises from the fact that the hotels here were unable to give guaranteed reservation of rooms for over one hundred delegates and members who will attend. The committee was unwilling that there should be any possibility of insufficient accommodations.

### OFFERS OF CITIZENS. The committee is much gratified at the large number of invitations extended by citizens of Richmond generally to hospitality, as many as possible of the guests. While arrangements for this generous hospitality, the committee did not feel at liberty to compel any of the visitors to accept of this courtesy.

This committee, of which Mr. Joseph Wallerstein is chairman, has given the subject careful study and consideration. It has decided upon the following plan: The convention, which will number 900 or 1,000 delegates, will meet at Old Point on Monday, June 3d. The opening exercises that night will be exactly what they would have been had the convention met in Richmond. The Mayor of Richmond will be present and deliver the address of welcome. The president of the Chamber of Commerce and other prominent business men will be present to put Richmond prominently before