

BULLETIN OF THE ST. PAUL GLOBE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1897.

Weather for Today—Fair, Easterly Winds.

Situation in Local Flood. Flood and Blizzard in Northwest. Aberdeen Well Under Water. Red River a Monster Lake.

New Union Depot Loop Ordinance. Era of Low Prices. Dr. A. B. Ancker Re-elected. Powers Investigators Divided.

Minneapolis Matters. Mill City Flood Again Rises. Rivera's Case Up in the Senate. Treaty Amended to Death. Greece Ready for Fight.

Cyclone Added to Arkansas Flood.

Senate Passes Wynnank Bank Bill. Work of the Legislature. Report on Soldiers' Home Inquiry. Objections to Reappointment.

Coal Stocks Lower. Bar Silver, 62c. Cash Wheat in Chicago, 69 3/4c.

Minnesota Has a Centennial. News of the Northwest. Wants of the People. Dalzell Defends the Tariff.

Minnesota Bank Litigation. Court Routine. Rondo Line Extension. Society Gossip of the Day. Railway Navigation Begins. Railway News.

EVENTS TODAY.

Met-O'Neill in Hamlet, 8.15. Grand-Shadows of a Great City, 8.15. Capitol—Legislature, 10. Market Hall—Benefit Unemployed, 8.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Majestic, Liverpool; Nordland, Antwerp; Lahm, Bremen. Sailed: Sparrand, Rotterdam; Stuttgart, Bremen. QUEBEC—Sailed: Germania, Liverpool for New York. GENEVA—Sailed: Werra, New York. LONDON—Sailed: Massachusetts, for New York. BOULOGNE—Sailed: Maasdam, Rotterdam, for New York.

The wind at least always does its own blowing. Several of those who were fooled were every-day fools.

The river is conducting a sort of "wide-open" administration itself, Mr. Doran.

The size of the check which fits the Easter bonnet is no smaller this year than usual.

Dr. Parkhurst has taken to the bicycle. Mrs. Charlotte Smith may as well take to the woods.

He is he whether it is a political lie, a social lie or a business lie.—Dwight L. Moody.

Gen. Weyer talks of curing Gen. Rivera's wounds and then shooting him. That will be nice.

Spain should do something to conciliate Senator Morgan. He is liable at any minute to declare war.

Mr. Robert Fitzsimmons cannot hear Mr. Charles Mitchell. For which the public should return thanks.

The president made another large batch of appointments yesterday. And still Minnesota is not recognized.

If there is no objection, a motion might be put to permit the coal dealer to begin his summer vacation now.

If the legislature will kill bills at the rate of twenty a day for the next twenty days, all else will be forgiven.

When the Republicans get through jamming measures through congress, the people will have an inning and put them where their jamming days will be over.

Margaretta Vesilowska has just died in Milwaukee at the age of 108 years. Think of anybody having to wear a name like that for over half of 108 years.

Mr. L. P. Hunt, of Minnesota, can congratulate Mr. Frank W. Palmer, of Illinois, as public printer, as he reflects that it is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all.

Emperor William's fits of aberration do not prove that he is insane. Many a man has forgotten that he owed another, even refusing to remember after his attention is called to the matter.

Greater New York is bragging because it has nine times as many people as Vermont. What does this signify? Most of the people born in Vermont in the past fifty years have moved over to New York.

Having passed a bill making the tariff retroactive, let the house of representatives proceed to pass a bill making the salaries of its members retroactive. One would be just as good law and sense as the other.

The house proposes to make the Dingley tariff bill go into effect April 1. The tariff law will not go into effect, however, until the senate passes it, and the senate is as deliberate as a convention of messenger boys.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, has broken loose before the tariff bill reaches the senate. He talked Tuesday on the unconstitutionality of protection. His address will be continued at odd periods throughout the summer.

LEAVE THEIR HOMES.

Eight Hundred People Driven Out by the Flood.

WEST ST. PAUL SUFFERS MOST

Police Spend the Day Helping Some of the People to Get Out of Their Houses—Shelter for Them Provided at the Old Humboldt School Building.

RIVER KEEPS RISING.

Now Two Feet Above the Danger Line—Unemployed Funds to Be Used in Caring for the Homeless—Trouble at the South St. Paul Stock Yards—Large Number of Sheep Are Removed to a Place of Safety.

8 A. M.—Gauge Showed 15.1 Feet. 12 M.—Gauge Showed 15.4 Feet. 6 P. M.—Gauge Showed 15.7 Feet. 12 P. M.—Gauge Showed 16.1 Feet.

At midnight last night the water in the river had passed the 16-foot mark. The gauge at that hour registering 16.1 feet. This made a total rise during the day of just one foot. About 9 o'clock the quantity of logs and ice floating down the river seemed to greatly increase and the rise of the water was also much more rapid than it had been during the day. The water is now within 3.6 feet of the extreme high water mark. Should the water continue to rise at the same rate as during the past three days, the high water mark will be reached by Sunday morning. It was thought, after the freshet caused by the breaking of the ice gorge at Minneapolis had spent itself, that the water would begin to recede, but the river holds good its record of the past few days of doing exactly the opposite to all predictions concerning its actions.

The flood situation in St. Paul is assuming alarming proportions. It had been decidedly serious before, but with the breaking of the ice gorge above Minneapolis on Wednesday came a rush of water almost equalling that of Monday night, the river rising almost two feet in the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock last night. At that hour the government gauge at the foot of Jackson street registered 15.7 feet, showing that the water was at least a foot higher than at any previous time since the great flood of 1881. With the sudden rise of the river came huge chunks of ice and thousands of logs borne along by the swiftly moving current. In times of peace these logs would have been welcomed by the flat dwellers, as they gather all their fuel from the river but yesterday they were regarded with anxious eyes, for in many cases they were borne dangerously near the houses along the river front.

The people living along the upper flats have felt comparatively safe until yesterday, when it was discovered that the heavy wind that was blowing directly against the river was forcing the water against the levee with the force of a hundred trip hammers and gradually eating it away. The city engineer was called to make an examination of the levee and found a strip of about twenty feet at the upper end of James street that threatened to give way at a moment's notice. A force of men were at once set to work filling the crevasse, and for the time being the break is averted, but, with the rapidly rising water and its constant beating against the banks, it is feared that the levee cannot hold much longer.

Yesterday's raise brought the water to within a foot and a half of the top of the low parts of the levee, and, with the exception of some half dozen families, whose homes are built on the extreme high ground, the upper flats are deserted. If the levee holds and the water does not go over its top, no more serious damage will result to the people of this part of the city than

has already been caused by the flooding of their homes, but, if the levee breaks, the current of the river will be thrown directly on the flats, and it is more than likely that many of the houses will be swept away. The situation on the West side and Polander flats was decidedly threatening. The area embraced between Tennessee street and Robertson and Welland avenues was a perfect sea. A force of police officers in charge of Sergeant Ryan was busy all day visiting the houses in the flooded district, assisting them to move out, if they had no money, and compelling them to seek safety, where they had means of their own.

In many instances the sights witnessed by the officers was appalling. At No. 39 Water street they found the family of Amel Polasky imprisoned in a little one-story dwelling with between three and four feet of water on the floor. There were several children, ranging in age from one to ten years, and the wife, who is a cripple and unable to help herself in the least. When the officers arrived they found the family perched on barrels and tables, and just as Sergeant Ryan stepped into the house one of the smaller children fell into the water and would undoubtedly have been drowned but for the timely appearance of the officers. The husband and father was absent at the time trying to secure a boat in which he could convey his family to a place of safety. They were absolutely destitute and so were assisted by the



FOUND A FAMILY IN DISTRESS.

officers to a place of safety on Eva street, where they will remain until they can be provided for.

At No. 29 Water street Stanislaw Visnesky and his wife were found in a little room that had been built on the roof of their house. The man is fairly well off for a flat dweller and is the owner of several head of stock. When the officers arrived, his wife was begging him to allow her to go to the home of a neighbor, but he was loath to leave his possessions, and insisted that she remain in the house with him. He was compelled to leave the house and told that, as he had money, he must stay in a safe place himself and pay some one to get his stock out, if he so desired. The last thing the officers heard when they left him was that he intended to sleep in his home last night, and if his stock drowned he would drown with them.

This is only one of the many instances that the officers found where the people, through ignorance or stubbornness, could not be made to realize their danger. During the day the officers found seven families that were



ST. PAUL'S PLIGHT YESTERDAY.

without means to remove to places of safety and who had to be moved because they were in absolute danger. In nearly every instance there were more than seven children in each of the families. Not more than a dozen families remained in their homes in the more dangerous sections of the flats last night, and a close watch is being kept on all by the officers. Of those remaining none will have to move unless the water rises two feet higher than it is at present. About 150 families, aggregating more than 800 people, have been compelled to vacate

Fellender, Tony Wadaneck, Mrs. Zalunsky, Adolph Kunze, Joseph Slepold, William Lutzelick, Frank Eder, Frank Nagle, Charles Belch, Adam Danowski, Frank Swartz, Joseph Hevelick, John Wells, Gottfried Eicheon, Andrew Schwarz, Mike Urbanek. At Delaney's Stock Yards—Frank Etter, John Sperling, Mrs. Urban, Frank Sloma. Under the High Bridge—Otto Eckel, Joe Belch, William Mindund, Frank Knozak. Mrs. F. Kohout, near McMillan's packing house; James Cogan, 180 Chestnut street, have also been notified.

MARCH WEATHER REVIEW.

It Was an Unusual Month in Some Respects.

Observer Lyons' review of the weather, as observed at St. Paul and vicinity during the month just ended, shows that it was about 3 degrees cooler than the average of the last twenty-six corresponding months, with the precipitation—rain and melted snow—was 1.54 inches in excess of the average for the same period. The review says:

The average March temperature for St. Paul is 27 degrees; last month's mean was 24 degrees, which was warmer than the corresponding month of 1888; slightly warmer than that of 1875, 1880 and 1883; it just equaled that of 1874, 1876, 1877, 1884 and 1891, but was slightly decidedly cooler than any one of the rest from 1870 to date. The warmest March since then was in 1875 when the mean temperature was 44. Highest and lowest temperature registered last month was 60 degrees on the 20th and 9 degrees below zero on the 14th. The average precipitation is 1.54 inches; rain and melted snow that gave 1.26 inches fell last month; the snow that fell, if unmelted, measured 15.1 inches. Snow or rain amounting to 0.1 inch or more fell on 12 days; there were 7 clear, 7 fair and 17 cloudy days; the average cloudiness, on a scale of 0 to 10, was 6.3. The month in question failed most remarkably to sustain its reputation for business and industry. There was not a sign of high wind until yesterday when the maximum velocity, northeast, thirty miles an hour, registered for five minutes; was recorded; total wind movement during the month, 6,034 miles; prevailing direction, northwest.

RELIEF FROM THE CITY.

Mayor Doran Authorized to Use \$1,000 on the Homeless.

Mayor Doran, Ald. Bell and Kadunski, Assemblymen Craig, Albrecht and Reardon, members of the committee from the council having in charge the fund for the unemployed, held a meeting yesterday afternoon. Mayor Doran stated that the committee had been called to consider the question of devoting the remaining balance of the \$10,000 fund for the relief of the residents who had been rendered homeless by the high water. Assemblyman Craig raised the point that, under the charter, no part of the city funds could be used in charitable work. The mayor thought the point not well taken, as in this case it was apparent that the people must be provided for. According to his estimate 800 persons had been rendered homeless by the water driving them from their homes, and something should be done to see that they

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ORDERED TO MOVE.

Families or Individuals Warned by the Police.

The police department was still engaged yesterday in the work of notifying the occupants of houses endangered by the flood to move to quarters on higher ground. In a majority of cases a first warning has been sufficient, and the people have already vacated their perilous abodes or are engaged in doing so as fast as possible, but some of the more ignorant ones are stubborn and refuse to make any change. These will be taken in hand, and seven against their own will, removed to places of safety. The following named residents of the flats have been notified to move themselves and families, who are homeless: On the North Bank—Martin Gushick, Charles Palmer, Andrew Holquist, John Roberts, Lucas Oremann, Michel Stalder, Michael Schmidt, John Kafka, Joe Urban, Robert Trans, Joseph Sauer, August Fenson, Castellion Himmasha, Bossa Dezer, Savas Calli, Joseph Mucha, Mrs. Patrick Murphy, Mrs. A. Acker, Leonard Caprelli, Sebrea Barbera, Michael Vichaske, Michael Schmitt, Anthony Wart, Thomas Hams, Joe Dodadoto, Joe Sauer, Frank James, James Savera, Joe Gray, Nicora Janscha, Mike Parlo, Pat Martin, Joe Janetti, Louis Ritchie, Alem Walter, John Ludwig, Tony Palumbo, Frank Palumbo, Nick McNulty, Josie Gleskey, Jacob Anderson, John Larson, Alexander Olson, Edward Kovolsky, Joseph Cook, Louis Sianzino, Angelo Palumbo, Joseph Kaskilla, John Palombo, Levstaria, Debaria, Vindella, Delmonde, Joseph Delmonde, Tony Vindette, Jaroslavsky, Joseph Kuska, John Schiller, Tony Rich, George Rungras, Henry Purescher, William Ludwig, Mrs. H. Davis, Mrs. Peter O'Toole, Ole Anderson, John Lavinsky, Mrs. Turensky, John Faber, Adolph Heggett, Frank Treiber, Theodore Schwartz, Leopold Klefer. Dr. James Street—Andrew Svitlich, Albert Matkercy, Tony Young, Ed Corbett, Peter

FLOOD AND BLIZZARD.

Blinding Snow Added to High Water in South Dakota.

ABERDEEN IS NOW VERY WET.

One-Third of the City Submerged—Four Feet of Water in the Main Street at Westport—All Railway Communication Practically Shut Off.

Special to the Globe.

ABERDEEN, S. D., April 1.—Fully one-third of the business and residence section of Aberdeen is under water. Railroad communication, although the city has three systems of road, is entirely cut off. Anything approaching the present state of affairs has never been known before here. As the water continued to rise steadily today, the prospect is a gloomy one indeed. The fire in every steam heating and furnace plant in the city has been put out. The Western Union telegraph operators and a score or more of business and professional men have been forced from their offices. The loss in merchandise from flooded basements and cellars will run into thousands, and would have been much heavier but for the precautions taken. The Foot and Moccasin creeks, insignificant streams usually, are swollen and extended until they are a mile wide in some parts. In the heart of the city, sidewalks and loose property of considerable value has been swept away. Many of the best residences are flooded above the first floor and not a few have been deserted. At Westport, in this county, the people are living and carrying on their business in second stories. The principal street of the place is under four feet of water. A six-inch further raise will put the flood into the main street of Aberdeen.

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FAULKTON, S. D., April 1.—The heavy flood reported yesterday is raging in the Nixon river valley, increased in volume during the night. The St. Paul railway bridge at this place is giving away before the ice gorge and bids fair to follow the wagon bridge down stream. This cuts off all communication with this place by rail. A



SAVING THE LIVE STOCK.

bridge is reported out on the Chicago & Northwestern line, a few miles east of here. Yesterday's heavy rain has changed to a blinding snow storm from the northeast today.

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PIERRE, S. D., April 1.—Since Tuesday two and a half inches of rain and wet snow have fallen here, with a temperature ranging from 36 to 46 and a strong northeast wind. It is one of the kind of storms which stockmen dread, as it will be very severe on their cattle and calves and will cause severe losses. The river has risen four feet, but no ice is coming down, which would indicate that it is yet holding or gorged above here. There have been no trains in here since Monday and wires have been down most of the time. A bad washout is reported at Canby, east of here. The bridge across Bad river at Fort Pierre is reported in bad shape and likely to go down at any time.

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WATERTOWN, S. D., April 1.—Geo. Nogales, a liveryman, attempted to cross the Sioux river and was swept away, and the horses were drowned and Nogales was terribly bruised. The river has risen rapidly today and is now overflowing the banks.

MITCHELL, S. D., April 1.—Over 1,200 feet of the Milwaukee road's track two miles east of here was washed out this morning, leaving the bridge intact, but in danger of being carried away. The Jim river has risen fully three feet since yesterday after-

noon and is full a mile wide in places. The Milwaukee road is shut off from reaching here on its east line. The Omaha road is in a equally a bad fix, as 200 feet of approach to the bridge on the west side and 100 on the east are doomed and will go out with the flood tonight. The river is expected to rise higher tomorrow when the big flood gets down from the north. Fully two and a half inches of rain fell yesterday and last night.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 1.—Big Sioux river is rising than ever known, and it is still rising. Lake Kampeska, in which the river has its source, has risen five feet and is still rising. At Castlewood the valley and lowlands are flooded. At Brookings the same condition exists. At Esplan the water is gradually rising. Much fear is expressed as the flood from the north is still to come. Damages to bridges in

RED ON A RAMPAGE.

Hundreds of Square Miles of Farm Land Become a Vast Inland Sea—Indications of a Further Rise Fill Settlers With Apprehension—St. Cloud's Waterworks Useless—River at Danger Point at Winona.

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HURON, S. D., April 1.—There have been twenty-four hours of continuous rain here and over this part of the state, and the Jim river exceeded the high water mark of '81, the highest known, and is still rising. Much wreckage in the stream is an indication of the loss of bridges and buildings. Water is running into the windows of the Chicago & Northwestern pump-house and is within a few inches of the doors of many buildings under the bluff. Conditions are becoming more and more serious as the rain descends and the water rises. Some stock has been drowned. One man lost three horses and five cows; others from three to five. The railway bridges here are safe and ice gorges are kept broken. All wagon bridges are wrecked or entirely swept away. No trains have been swept away today, but south-bound trains are operated without much difficulty. Transfers on the east line are being made at De Smet.

BROOKINGS, S. D., April 1.—The Sioux flats are flooded and while no loss is yet reported farmers are surrounded by water. One man who came across the river last night had to swim his horses. The heavy rain of the last twenty hours has now turned to a blinding snow storm.

VERMILLION, S. D., April 1.—As near as can be learned about thirty bridges have been swept away by the high water in this county. The loss is estimated to be \$15,000. No iron bridges were taken out. There is scarcely a wooden bridge left in the county. The county bridge building fund is pretty low and only those bridges that are absolutely necessary for traffic will be rebuilt this spring.

REDFIELD, S. D., April 1.—The situation in the flooded districts has grown materially worse since last night. Not a train has moved on either the Milwaukee or Northwestern systems in central South Dakota, and no attempt to run trains will be made for several days.

YANKTON, S. D., April 1.—A heavy rain prevailed here all night. The rivers are still higher than yesterday and railroad men are watching the Jim river bridges with anxiety.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 1.—The soft weather has swollen the Belle Fourche river and its tributaries that it is about impossible to cross them. All the streams are gorged with ice, and at the town of Belle Fourche an ice gorge extends for ten miles up the river, and threatens the town and surrounding country with a disastrous flood. An attempt was made to break the gorge this afternoon with dynamite, but without success. The Elkhorat railroad bridge across the river has been carried away. Further lands have been flooded and considerable dam-

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GATHERING DRIFTING LOGS.



IN THE SWIM ON THE WEST SIDE.