

The Herald.

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The News of the Week.

BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL.

DOMESTIC.

CHINATOWN, a suburb of Sacramento, Cal., was destroyed by fire on the 24th.

At Treason, La., two negroes, Joe Cook and Sol Dorsey, engaged in a scuffle on the 24th, and becoming angry they both drew pistols and fired and both were killed.

Owing to an overflow of Shuganunga creek hundreds of houses in Topeka, Kan., were on the 24th under water as far as the first story, while the suburbs known as Walnut Grove, Parkdale and Oakland, thickly populated by the laboring classes, were all under water.

The glass factory and works of Ball Bros. at Buffalo, N. Y., were burned on the 24th and several adjacent cottages were badly damaged. Loss, \$100,000.

By the collapse of a vein in the Central mine at Hyde Park, Pa., on the 24th houses and gardens were damaged and the residents badly frightened. The ground was traversed by fissures from a few inches to a foot in width.

WAYNE WHITMYER was arrested on the 24th near Ephrata, Pa., while trying to wreck a freight train on the Reading & Columbia railroad.

The troubles of the Times Newspaper Company in Chicago culminated on the 25th in the retirement of Mr. James J. West. He not only resigned from the editorship of the paper but surrendered also his entire interest in the property.

The owners of the schooner Kate Winslow were fined \$349.50 by the customs officer at Cleveland, O., on the 24th for employing two Canadian mates.

At the West Side Driving Park in Chicago on the 24th the celebrated horse Long Chance stumbled and fell at a hurdle, breaking his neck.

A cable message of the 25th from the European Union of Astronomers announced the discovery of a bright comet in the southern heavens by Prof. Davidson, of Queensland.

The net earnings of the Union Pacific railroad for six months ended June 30, 1889, were \$4,770,631, a decrease of \$197,355 for the same period a year ago.

A PARTY of explorers on the 25th unearthed a number of human skeletons buried in Chalk Bluff, ten miles east of Yankton, D. T., on the Nebraska side. Fifty skulls and two hundred headless skeletons were found which local physicians pronounced to be the remains of white people, children and adults. Indications were that they had been buried forty or fifty years.

At Anoka, Minn., the most terrific thunder and rain-storm for years occurred on the 24th. Three wooden buildings were washed into the river. Much damage was reported from the country by the wind, which appeared in the form of a cyclone.

TWO MEN were arrested on the 25th for assisting in the lynching of James Averill and Emma Watson, cattle thieves, at Sweetwater, Wyo. T., and were bound over for trial in the sum of \$5,000 each.

C. G. TALCOTT, assistant engineer of the United States navy, committed suicide on board the Atlanta on the 25th by shooting himself with a pistol.

MARTIN OLSON, of Eau Claire, Wis., who left his wife twelve years ago, was found by her on the 24th at Duluth, Minn., where he had been living with another woman.

The dry-goods firm of Lewis Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, failed on the 25th for \$4,000,000. It was thought the assignment would only be temporary.

J. FITZPATRICK broke the world's record in Boston on the 25th in a running high jump by three-quarters of an inch. He jumped 6 feet 4 3/4 inches.

An English syndicate had on the 25th purchased five of the six breweries in Paterson, N. J., for an aggregate of \$2,380,000, the owners to retain a one-third interest in the concerns.

A TORNADO two hundred feet wide passed half a mile west of Prague, Minn., on the 25th. One house was dashed to pieces, five railroad cars, wheat laden, were thrown twenty feet from the track, and crops in the path of the storm were utterly demolished. No lives were lost.

News received at Parkersburg, W. Va., on the 25th from the recent flood in the Kanawha valley gave a sad story of wreck and ruin. Every store from the head to the mouth of the forks was gone or ruined. Houses, fences and crops were washed away and several lives were lost. Couriers from Tygart reported a long list of houses and property, bridges and culverts gone. The loss in Lee, Tygart, Slate and Steele counties would reach \$300,000.

THERE were 187 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 26th, against 188 the previous seven days.

A BARREL of whisky exploded on the 25th at the home of Peter Rollins (colored) near Summit, Miss., causing the death of his daughter and mortally wounding his son.

THE Saloon-keepers' Association of Cincinnati met on the 25th and a limited number of them agreed to defy the law by keeping open on Sunday, the association agreeing to stand by them financially in the courts.

VOLNEY FULLERTON, a young farmer living near Carthage, Mo., died of hydrophobia on the 26th. A year ago he was bitten by a rabid dog, but felt no evil effects until a day or two before his death.

MISS KATE DREXEL, of Philadelphia, on the 26th gave a sum sufficient to establish a church and school for negroes of the Catholic faith.

WESLEY ELKINS, aged eleven years, confessed on the 26th that he was the murderer of his father and stepmother in Elk township, Ia., whose bodies were recently found frightfully mangled. He said a quarrel with his father caused him to commit the crime.

A TERRIBLE storm of wind, rain and hailstones larger than hickorynuts passed over Crawfordsville, Ind., on the 26th, doing great damage.

A TERRIFIC cyclone passed through Lebanon, Ind., on the 26th. Witt's block, Lane's drug store, Moddy & Graves' block and the Pioneer printing office were all unroofed and deluged with water. Trees, fences, crops, etc., were prostrated, with much loss.

THE Richmond Paper Company of Providence, R. I., failed on the 26th for \$968,000. At Paris, Ky., on the 26th James Kelly (colored), who made an assault on the wife of Peter Crow, was taken from the jail by a mob and hanged.

THE Fish Commission at Washington was on the 26th advised of the discovery of a cod bank on the Pacific, eight miles off Nestucca, Ore.

At West Troy, N. Y., on the 26th James McCall surrendered himself to the police, stating that he had kicked his wife to death. Examination showed that he told the truth. He was demitted.

TWO HUNDRED people in the Twenty-third district of Wilson County, Tenn., banded together on the 26th for the purpose of driving Mormon elders and converts from that county.

THE fertilizing works of E. Baugh & Son at Indianapolis were destroyed by fire on the 26th. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

CITIZEN GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN completed in New York on the 26th what he designated his "one hundred days' fast." According to his story he has subsisted upon half a pound of chocolate and milk daily during this time, and never felt better in his life. He has dropped the title "Citizen" and assumed that of "Rev."

Six railways, the Toledo & Western, the Detroit & State Line, the Wabash, the Wabash & Eastern of Indiana, the Wabash & Eastern of Illinois, and the Wabash Western were consolidated on the 26th under the name of the Wabash Railway Company.

THE offices of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company at Topeka, Kan., were burned on the 26th.

BELOW will be found the percentage of the base-ball clubs in the National League for the week ended on the 27th: Boston, 62; New York, 65; Philadelphia, 57; Cleveland, 56; Chicago, 48; Pittsburgh, 41; Indianapolis, 36; Washington, 33; American Association: St. Louis, 67; Brooklyn, 63; Baltimore, 57; Athletic, 54; Cincinnati, 55; Kansas City, 40; Columbus, 37; Louisville, 22. Western Association: Omaha, 71; St. Paul, 67; Minneapolis, 57; Sioux City, 46; Denver, 42; Des Moines, 41; Milwaukee, 35; St. Joseph, 33.

CHARLES A. CRYSLER, of Independence, Mo., a well-known lawyer and agent for several estates, was on the 27th said to be short in his accounts to the extent of \$30,000.

THE exchanges at twenty-six leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 27th aggregated \$924,013,572, against \$1,164,881,329 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1888 the increase amounted to 124.

HENRY GEORGE, the antagonist of the present social system and advocate of the single-tax scheme, arrived in New York on the 28th from Europe.

THE excursion steamer Tolchester struck a little boat in the harbor at Baltimore on the 28th and threw the occupants into the water, drowning John Rietz, Mary Wiener and Mary Kahl.

MASKED men entered the residence of Mrs. Aconeth Street near Marion, Ind., on the 27th and beat Mrs. Street and her daughter Clara in a horrible manner. They were charged with gossiping too much.

JAMES CONATY, a Richmond (Va.) bar-keeper who had left his wife, went to her home on the 28th and cut her throat and then killed himself in the same manner.

FOUR train employees were killed on the 27th in the wreck of a passenger train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad at Brighton, Tenn. The passengers escaped.

JOSEPH A. STARCK, ticket agent at Easton, Pa., for the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, was on the 27th discovered short in his accounts, and soon afterward shot himself dead.

WILLIAM HOWELL, a school-teacher on trial for the murder of his cousin, Mrs. Hall, and her four children, at Brookfield, Mo., was found guilty on the 27th.

PROF. J. W. HOWELL, a well known educator of Rutledge College at Knoxville, Tenn., died on the 27th of hydrophobia. He was bitten thirteen years ago by a black and tan terrier.

THE count of the cash and securities in the United States Treasury at Washington incident to the transfer of the office from Mr. Hyatt to Mr. Huston, the incumbent, was completed on the 27th. There was \$700,000,000. A shortage of \$8 was found in the new silver vault, where \$5,600,000 silver dollars were stored, and a deficit of \$15 in the old silver vault containing \$45,000,000.

At Columbus, O., Christ Weinman murdered his wife on the 27th and then fatally shot himself. Domestic trouble was the cause of the tragedy.

MRS. SUSAN JONES was set upon by dogs on the 27th near Marion, Ind., and was nearly torn to pieces. The injured woman was seventy years old and would probably not recover.

THE heaviest wind and rain-storm in Chicago for years occurred on the evening of the 27th. The basements of many business blocks were flooded, and small rivers rushed along the sides of the streets. Many trees were blown down and other damage done. On the West side an unfinished three-story brick building was blown down upon a one-story frame cottage adjoining, burying it out of sight and crushing its occupants. The families of a laborer named Charles Boch, and of a blacksmith named Cornelius Ferdinauch, were living in the cottage, and eight of them were killed and four seriously wounded. The damage to property in the city was estimated at \$1,000,000.

THE body of Dr. A. Jones, an aged and respected citizen of Cincinnati and Surgeon-General of the State, was on the 27th found in a man-hole near his residence. He had been missing two days. James Bligh, a discharged colored coachman, was arrested, and confessed that he committed the crime.

DURING a storm on the 27th near Prairie du Chien, Wis., trees, fences and outbuildings were blown down and crops were leveled.

A TERRIBLE rain and flood occurred on the 27th in the upper waters of the Little Kanawha valley in West Virginia. Calhoun County was devastated and crops, fences and houses were washed away. Several lives were also reported lost. In Pleasant and Ritchey counties great damage was done. The total loss was estimated at \$650,000.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Prohibition party in Ohio was celebrated on the 24th at Zanesville.

REV. FATHER CURLEY, director of Georgetown observatory, died in Washington on the 24th, aged ninety-three years. He was

the oldest priest in the United States, and, as far as known, in the world.

THE Ohio Prohibitionists in State convention on the 25th at Zanesville made the following nominations: For Governor, Rev. J. B. Helwig, of Springfield; Lieutenant-Governor, L. B. Logan, of Stark County; Supreme Judge, Gideon T. Stewart, of Norwalk; Treasurer, D. M. Trowbridge, of Toledo; Attorney-General, E. Jay Pinney, of Ashtabula.

MARY JACKSON (colored) died on the 26th at Ithaca, N. Y., at the age of one hundred and five years.

JAMES H. FENTON, a dealer in horse equipments in Chicago, and widely known all over the United States, died in Paris on the 26th from consumption.

ROLIA BROWN (colored) died on the 27th at Louisville, Ky., aged one hundred and five years.

JOHN C. BARR, a well-known newspaper writer and politician of Pittsburgh, Pa., died on the 28th, aged fifty-two years.

FOREIGN.

A WRECKING company on the 24th recovered the cargo of the bark Midway, which was wrecked in 1833 off Cape Hendlopen while bound from London to Philadelphia with tin, lead and spelter. The metals were valued at \$150,000.

A GREAT sensation was caused on the 24th in the highest circles of society in Copenhagen by the suicide of Count Sparre, a member of a prominent Swiss family, after he had killed his mistress.

News of the 24th from Ounaslaska, by the steamer Bertha, confirmed recent reports of the loss of three whaling schooners, the James A. Hamilton, the Otter and the Annie. The vessels carried about sixty officers and men.

A BAND of Servian brigands is harassing the Bulgarian frontier. In a conflict on the 25th with officers five of the brigands and two gendarmes were killed.

THE Government of Switzerland on the 25th expelled all the Russian Socialists, French Anarchists and German Socialists resident there who were not provided with regular papers from their own countries.

In London on the 25th Mr. and Mrs. William E. Gladstone celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The Queen telegraphed her congratulations to the ex-premier and his aged wife.

BISHOP WALSH, of London, Ont., was on the 25th elected Archbishop of Toronto to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Archbishop Lynch.

THE probable yield of sugar in the Porto Principe district of Cuba during 1889-90 was on the 25th estimated at 18,800 hogheads or 14,100 tons.

ADVICES of the 26th from China say that the Yellow river had again burst its banks in Shantung, inundating an immense extent of country. There was twelve feet of water throughout ten large governmental districts. The loss of life and property was incalculable.

SEVEN THOUSAND bales of American cotton were destroyed by the burning of warehouses on the 26th at Liverpool.

A CYCLONE in Hungary, Transylvania and Bukovina on the 27th swept over several thousand square miles of territory, and hundreds of persons were killed, the crops were destroyed and enormous damage was done to houses and churches.

PRINCESS LOUISE VICTORIA ALEXANDRA DAGMAR, eldest daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales, was married in the royal chapel at Buckingham palace on the 27th to Alexander William George, Earl of Fife. The ceremony was characterized by all the pomp of royalty. Queen Victoria and all the members of the royal family of England were present.

LATEST NEWS.

A Masonic War.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Special Telegram, July 29.—A temporary injunction was ordered to-day by Judge H. Preston of Iowa promises to make the most bitter Masonic war ever known in this state, or perhaps in the union. The petition on which the temporary injunction was ordered was brought by the supreme consistory of Iowa of the supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America. The cause of the action is the recent legislation of the grand lodge of Iowa, in which it commanded that all the Master Masons in the so called "Cerneau" branch of the Scottish Rite to forthwith sever their connections with that body or suffer excommunication. The most prominent lawyers in the state have been retained on either side.

A Canadian Schooner Seized.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., July 29.—The sealing schooner Triumph arrived yesterday from Behring sea, carrying news of the seizure on the 11th inst., by the United States revenue cruiser Rush, of the British schooner Black Diamond, while sealing in Behring sea. The Triumph had 8,000 seals on board, but not having caught any in water over which the Americans claim jurisdiction, was allowed to depart. The captain of the Rush said he had orders to seize any vessel with Behring sea seals aboard. Seals are reported very plentiful. There is much excitement at Victoria.

Forest Fires.

BOISE CITY, July 29.—Forest fires are sweeping this county, destroying one of the finest belts of timber in Idaho. The country is so dry that the fires are spreading over a great extent of country. Gov. Shoup has telegraphed the secretary of the interior asking aid in extinguishing the fire.

A Youth Charged With Arson.

MANRATO, Special Telegram, July 29.—Charles Chilson, aged thirteen, of Decora township, was arrested to-day on the charge of setting fire to the house of Edward Chindle, one of his parents' neighbors. The house was a new one and completely burned.

Cremated by Electricity.

WICHITA, Kas., July 29.—To-day Ernest Chadwick, a three-year old boy became entangled in an electric wire attached to the gearing of the electric railway and was killed. His hands and stomach were burned to a crisp.

Akin to a Cyclone.

BOSTON, July 29.—A cyclone storm of wind and rain this afternoon uprooted orchards, ploughed a furrow fifteen feet wide a long distance, and threw water out of the Chicopee river fifty feet high. Streams are rising rapidly.

An Alliance.

VIENNA, July 29.—It is asserted that a definite offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded between France and Germany.

A FOUL DEED.

Charles Bligh, the Colored Hostler of Dr. A. E. Jones, a Popular Cincinnati Physician, Murders His Employer and Throws the Body of His Victim Into a Sewer—His Confession.

CINCINNATI, O., July 29.—The body of Colonel A. E. Jones was found Saturday in a man-hole not far from his residence. The unfortunate man had been robbed and murdered. The murder of Dr. A. E. Jones, familiarly known as "Colonel" Jones, is one of the most shocking occurrences that could have occurred in Cincinnati. The Colonel was in his 77th year, but was as active as a man of 50. He had always had an inclination to military life, and kept it up by holding a connection with the Ohio National Guard, serving for a long time as surgeon of the First Regiment. Governor Foraker, who was his neighbor, appointed him a member of his staff as Surgeon-General. He had been active in public affairs, serving often in the municipal council, and had, besides, held several offices under appointment from the general Government. He was, perhaps, more widely known in Cincinnati than any other citizen.

There was but a single wound. It was upon the back part of the head and slightly on the right side, as if the blow had been given from behind.

Dr. Jones left his house about 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, wearing no coat, his feet in slippers, and went in the direction of his stable. He asked what time it was, though wearing his watch. That was the last seen of him alive. The family did not become alarmed until after night, and then prosecuted their search quietly until Friday, when notice was given to the police. During Friday a trail of blood was discovered opposite the doctor's stable on Cemetery street, and, being followed, was traced to Park avenue, thence south two or three squares to the junction of Cypress street and Francis lane, where on the grass was quite a pool of blood. It was here in a man-hole of the sewer that the body was found. It was wrapped in a horse-blanket, or rather sewed up, so that it was drawn out by means of a rope fastened around it by a man who had been lowered for that purpose. The body had been doubled up compactly, as if for convenience in carrying, and it is apparent that the trail of blood was that which trickled from his wounds, as his murderer carried him to the place where he thought to conceal forever the trace of his crime, for he hoped the water would carry the body into the river. It was found that the doctor's gold watch and his money were gone. This must have been the motive for the murder, as the doctor has not an enemy in the world. The police made several arrests, among them being Charles Bligh, the colored hostler, who had been with Colonel Jones about two months.

Charles Bligh was arrested at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at Madisonville, O., and at once brought here. When pumped by the police he broke down and made a full confession of his awful crime. His manner was easy and his story of horror was told with as little feeling as if he had been narrating the most commonplace events of a dull day's experience. His story was as follows: "My name is Charles A. Bligh. I was born at Richmond, Ky. I am 29 years old, I am married. In March last I came to this city and on the third Wednesday in March engaged to work for Dr. A. E. Jones as hostler and for other work at five dollars a week. On the afternoon of Thursday last I was working in the garden pulling weeds when the doctor came out in his shirt sleeves, wearing slippers and a slouch hat and began to scold me. "I had just come out of the barn. The doctor told me he wanted the weeds pulled out of that celery and he did not want any more excuses about it. The doctor was cross and took a little stick and struck me, but it did not hurt. It was just a little straw. This was near the stable-door. He talked pretty free and cussed me and said again he did not want any more excuses. "I became angry and as the doctor passed by me I picked up a bit of oak stick used in baling hay, and raising both hands, I struck him a blow from behind on the back of the head. He fell and was speechless, but not dead. He was not able to move; he only breathed. I went on with my work in the garden until about 6:30 o'clock, when I got a sack in the barn that had been used for oats and put his body in it. "He was breathing yet and drew up his legs so that I could easily push his body into the sack. I then tied it up with a hitch up-strap and went into the house and got my supper as usual. The folks asked me if I had seen the doctor and I told them I had not. After supper they sent to Mr. Thornton's (the doctor's son-in-law) to see if he was there. I came back and told them that the doctor had not been there. Then I went to the power-house of the cable-road and talked awhile with a colored man and came back about 10 o'clock, took the sack on my shoulder, and carried it down Park avenue to the man-hole. Two persons were ahead of me as I went, but I kept out of their way. "I laid the sack down on the grass while I took off the iron covering of the manhole and then threw it in, covered up the manhole and went back to Colonel Jones' house, and soon after went to my own home on Washington avenue. "I did not take Colonel Jones' watch nor his money. I did not know he had his watch or his money with him."

His confession was made in the presence of about twenty persons. Dr. Robert C. Jones, son of the murdered man, was present at the beginning, but when the murderer began to tell how he struck his victim the son was obliged to leave the room. It is well that the prisoner is under strong guard else his heartless recital would bring his swift retribution. The police do not credit his story of not robbing his victim. Only three dollars in money was found on him, but they expect yet to find the stolen watch.

Bligh is a mulatto, 30 years old, five and one-half feet tall, weighing 130 pounds, and wearing a muscote and short side whiskers. Dr. Jones will be buried with military honors next Tuesday. The Governor's staff and a regiment of Ohio troops will be present. The evidence against Charles Bligh, the murderer, is now complete. He confessed Sunday that he had stolen General Jones' watch and pawned it for \$10. The shop it was found in a Sixth street pawn shop. It is probable an effort will be made to indict and convict Bligh as soon as possible.

KILLED BY FALLING WALLS.

Chicago Visited by a Disastrous Storm of Wind and Rain, During Which a Newly-Erected Building Is Blown Down, Crushing a Cottage in Its Descent—Eight of the Inmates Killed and Several Wounded.

CHICAGO, July 29.—A rain and wind-storm of extreme violence, accompanied by thunder and lightning, broke upon the city about 6 o'clock Saturday evening and raged furiously for three hours. It was a more severe storm than is recollected since the one in June, 1881. A half-dozen houses were struck by lightning and fired, several buildings were blown over, killing or wounding their occupants; hundreds of basements on the North and South sides were flooded, destroying a great deal of stored property, and a hundred minor accidents are reported. An estimate of the damage wrought exceeds \$100,000.

In the terrific storm a new three-story brick building on the northeast corner of Leavitt and Twenty-first streets fell to the ground, crushing in the wreck a cottage, which stood near by, and killing eight persons, as follows: Mrs. Christina Boch, aged 39 years; Hannah Boch, 8 years old; Albert Boch, 6 years; C. Ferdinauch, 33 years; Mrs. Ferdinauch, 31 years; Cora Ferdinauch, 5 years; Alida Ferdinauch, 3 years; Mary Ferdinauch, 4 years. The wounded are: Charles Boch, 45 years; August Boch, 13 years; Luda Ferdinauch, 8 years; Ada Ferdinauch, 7 years.

The cottage was a one-story and basement building, and was occupied by two families. In the front rooms lived Cornelius Ferdinauch with his wife and five children. The rear rooms were occupied by Charles Boch, his wife and three children. The building which fell upon it was so new that the fresh mortar offered little resistance to the furious gusts of wind and rain. Its foundations were laid only five weeks ago, but the walls were finished and the roof was partially on. It was owned by William C. Brueshaber, of 939 West Twenty-first street, and August Karschke, of Fourteenth street and Ashland avenue, was the contractor.

The accident occurred at 7:30 Saturday evening when every member of the two families were on the first floor. But a sudden was the crash that engulfed them that not one escaped from the house, all going down under a mass of flying bricks and mortar. A slight swaying of the tall structure, a swinging of its roof, and before a word of warning could be given it utterly collapsed.

The only victim able to extricate himself was Charles Boch, a powerful man, who succeeded in freeing himself from the debris. Bruised and bleeding he crossed the street to a grocery store and gave the alarm. In a few minutes members of the fire department, under Fire Marshal Meyer, and twenty policemen, under Lieutenant Thomas Beck, were engaged in the work of rescue. But nearly an hour passed before the first body was taken out. It was that of little Mary Ferdinauch, who was nearly dead. Cora Ferdinauch and August Boch were then recovered, the little girl dead, but the boy not seriously injured. Mrs. Boch's body was found doubled up by a heavy beam that rested on her neck and head, and her little son was near her.

Little Ada Ferdinauch was located by her crying and taken out after three hours of work. She and her sister Luda were the only ones saved in the Ferdinauch family, both parents and three children being dead when taken from the debris. All the dead were taken to the morgue and the wounded are cared for at the county hospital.

The rain-storm was the most remarkable deluge ever experienced in Chicago. In four hours more than four inches of rain fell, an amount whose excess is only appreciated by those who remember that two inches of rain seldom falls in twenty-four hours.

The storm was also severe in the suburbs, the rain flooding cellars everywhere. Thousands of dollars' damage was done in Hyde Park, Lake and all the adjacent districts great damage was done, wind, lightning and rain contributing to the work of destruction.

The unprecedented rain-fall, the high wind and the incessant lightning caused a loss of property that is difficult to estimate. All kinds of property suffered, goods in cellars and basements, streets, shade-trees, sidewalks, lawns, shrubbery, driveways, unfinished houses and dwellings. There were forty-four alarms of fire, many from lightning and most from the destruction of the insulation of the electric light wires. In no case, however, was the loss a heavy one from this source. One fact was made clear by the storm: the sewers of Chicago were unequal to the task of carrying off the water that fell. A result of the storm will probably be an agitation of the matter looking towards a radical improvement in the drainage facilities.

SEVERE STORMS ELSEWHERE.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 29.—Telephone reports from above say there was a terrible rain and flood Friday night in the upper waters of the Little Kanawha. Reports from Grantsville say Calhoun County was devastated and crops, fences and houses were washed away during the night. Several lives are also reported lost. Particulars are hard to get. The river at Grantsville is reported to be fifteen feet and rapidly rising. Reports from other sections along the Little Kanawha state that a fearful storm occurred during the night and much property was destroyed. Middle Island and all big creeks above it Pleasant County are reported rising rapidly. Bear Run, Ritchey County, suffered terribly. The loss is reported at not less than \$500,000.

MILLIONS OF MONEY.

The Count of the Cash in the United States Treasury Completed.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The count of the cash and securities in the United States Treasury incident to the transfer of the office from Mr. Hyatt to Mr. Huston, the incumbent, was completed Saturday afternoon. There is \$700,000,000. A shortage of eight dollars was found in the new silver vault, where \$5,600,000 silver dollars are stored, and a deficit of \$15 in the old silver vault containing \$45,000,000. Both shortages were immediately made good by persons responsible for the safe keeping of the money. It is believed that this money was lost during the recent flooding of the vault.