

LATE REPORTS CAUSING DEATH LIST TO GROW

TOWNS IN STORM BELT PUT TO TAL LIST OF DEAD HIGHER.

OMAHA LIST IS SHORTER

Cyclone Last Night Kills Fifteen in Illinois Town—General Conditions in Omaha Are Bad—Many Small Towns Hit by Storm and Reports Come in Now.

DEATH TOLL OF STORM AS TOLD BY STATISTICS

Totals of the known dead in the track of Sunday's storm are as follows, according to reports received at noon today:

	Dead
Omaha	110
Terre Haute, Ind.	20
Chicago	8
Yutan, Neb.	15
Berlin, Neb.	8
Council Bluffs, Ia.	14
Bartlett, Ia.	3
Weston, Ia.	3
Neola, Ia.	3
Glenwood, Ia.	3
Beebe, Ia.	2
Sterling, Ill.	1
Walton, Ill.	1
Traverse City, Mich.	1
Perth, Ind.	1
Desoto, Neb.	2
Plattsmouth, Neb.	1
Rock Bluffs	1
Ralston	7
Gilliat	2
Logan	2
Buntley	1
Harlan, Ia.	2
Anna, Ill. (last night)	15

Omaha, March 25.—Late reports from interior Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa towns show that the deathlist is growing rapidly.

Anna, Ill., March 24.—Fifteen met death in a cyclone at Mahanda, Ill., last night according to reports received here. A freight train on the Illinois Central tracks was damped in the ditch by the wind.

Omaha, March 25.—With further homes that were wrecked Sunday examined today and a re-check of the morgues made, it is disclosed that 110 are now known to be dead from the storm. A relief committee headed by Governor Moorhead, has declared that 1669 homes, exclusive of the churches, schools and mercantile institutions are either wrecked or partially destroyed.

It is feared that today's explorations will bring new disclosures and bring the actual known dead to what was estimated yesterday—200.

Shelter stations are being provided for those who are homeless, and they number 2,000 by actual count, and the tenement district has not been canvassed carefully either. The estimated loss of \$10,000,000 is held to be about right, as it is found that the residences alone were damaged to an extent of more than \$5,000,000.

Snow Hampers Work.

A snowfall of two inches fell last night and it is hampering the rescue work today. It is feared that it will require the entire week to carefully get over the debris. A regiment of militia is patrolling the stricken district but there is little looting.

Mrs. Snodgrass Recovering. Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass is recovering from a brief illness, being able to leave the hospital today.

Dayton, Ohio, Is Visited by Disaster

LOCAL STOCK IS WELL FED

PLENTY OF HAY TO GO AROUND FOR THE PRESENT.

Conditions West of Mountains Not So Good, Say Reporters.

Unless the present weather is prolonged into April, local stock raisers anticipate no serious trouble in feeding. Fortunately, hay and other feed was very plentiful last year, and everyone that has stock has hay enough to go around for the present but if stock is kept off the ranges too long, that is, very materially into April, the hay bill become short in quantity. The generally excellent conditions in this county, however are not duplicated in other Eastern Oregon sections.

Umatilla Worried.

Perdleton, March 24.—(Special)—With an inch or two of snowfall last night and intermittent gusts of snow and hail today, the weather in this section of Eastern Oregon shows but faint signs of breaking up and the storm is proving distressing to both livestock men and farmers. Though the losses thus far are slight, it is now generally admitted the situation will soon become serious unless better weather comes within a short time.

Reports from various parts of this county and from other portions of Eastern Oregon show the storm to be general, but the reports from all places are optimistic in that they fail to reveal any stock losses thus far. Incidentally, it is safe to say that the early report as to losses are quite likely tinted with over optimism owing to the well known tendency of stockmen to minimize their losses. Unquestionably the losses in the lambing camps are heavier than usual and cattlemen are also suffering to some extent from the weather.

"The chief source of trouble to sheepmen," says Dan P. Smythe, "is the fact the cold weather is retarding the new grass and thereby interfering with the feed. With the ewes short of feed, the young lambs suffer for milk." Smythe Bros. have many bands of sheep near Arlington and one lambing camp near Juniper. Their heaviest losses have been in the Juniper band where the increase was heavy and there were many twins. It has been necessary to kill one of each pair of twins as the mothers are unable to nourish two offspring under such unfavorable conditions.

Reports from Kamela were to the effect that there was 15 inches of fresh snow at the top of the mountain. The hills in the Pilot Rock country have been white for several days and the storm of last night hit that section of the country even harder than it did the vicinity of Pendleton.

Ukiah, Ore., March 24.—(Special)—Snow fell here last night, the fall being about two inches. The new snow together with the old snow is now about a foot deep on the flat east of Ukiah. Stockmen are still well provided with hay and are suffering no losses. Those who are used to running stock are prepared for the storm and but few losses have occurred thus far. Some calves have been lost but the injury is not heavy.

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION SPREAD BY FLOOD IN INDIANA AND OHIO WHERE CITIES ARE UNDER WATER

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—Ten thousand are homeless in Indiana as the result of the worst flood in the history of the state. The property loss has already run into millions and all industries are suspended in this city and along the disastrous flood districts. Four are known to be dead and a large section of fertile Indiana is isolated. It is feared the deathlist will be increased when communication is restored. The flood followed two days' downpour.

Horrors at Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.—With the Wabash river already three feet over the danger mark, and still rising at the rate of six inches hourly, Terre Haute faces the worst flood in its history. Two thousands have already been driven from their

DISASTER AT DAYTON

Thousand Homeless, Sheltered by Tents.

Dayton, O., March 25.—Thousands are homeless in Dayton and vicinity and are being sheltered by tents and in public buildings as the result of the breaking of the Miami river levee in three places. The river has passed the flood mark and is still rising. Scores of factories are closed and Dayton suburbs are inundated. Meagre reports indicate it is the worst flood in years in this state. One fatality is known and thousands are homeless. The property damage is already enormous.

OHIO CITY INUNDATED

Great Loss of Life Reported in Wild Scramble.

Phoeton, O., March 25.—(Six miles north of Dayton)—Almost the entire city is under from two to seven feet of water as the result of the breaking of a levee of the Olentangy river. Thousands were forced to flee and wild rumors of great loss of life have been current but are not believed because the people had ample warning of the weakened condition of the levee for hours before it broke.

The business section of Dayton suffered greatly and many office buildings are abandoned. Business is paralyzed and the main bridge of the Olentangy river had to dynamited as the debris was floating down the street and formed a dam. Aid has been rushed to Dayton from surrounding towns. All communication with the city has been spasmodic and unreliable.

Trains have been unable to reach nearer than ten miles of Dayton since four o'clock this morning when the levee first broke. Two other breaks followed and then the whole structure gave way. The residents were warned of their danger and it is practically certain all escaped.

Cleveland, March 25.—Offices of the Big Four railroad talked a few moments this afternoon with Springfield, Ohio. The operator at Springfield said many persons had met death at Dayton. It is not known where the operator got the information and the wire broke before this could be learned.

Cleveland, March 25.—Three fatalities have resulted from the floods.

Columbus, March 25.—Meagre reports to Governor Cox from Dayton have caused Secretary Burba to estimate the damage in Dayton at millions. It is believed fatalities will develop later. Governor Cox received reports that the Leonard building in Dayton, a four story brick, had collapsed, jarring a score of persons who were working in the offices.

Delaware, Ohio, March 25.—Seven are known to have been drowned by flood waters of the Olentangy river. Three bodies were recovered.

ROOFS GIVE REFUGE.

Residents of Kokomo Driven to Shelter and Refuge Points.

Kokomo, Ind., March 25.—Eight feet of water in the streets and on the lowland has made thousands homeless in this district. Homes are submerged and many inhabitants are perched on the roofs of dwellings, and as practically all boats were swept away the people are marooned and helpless. The damage is a million here and equally enormous at Peru.

Muncie Railroads Crippled.

Muncie, Ind., March 25.—White river is at the highest stage in years and is rising rapidly. Railroad service is crippled.

Gale in Detroit.

Detroit, March 25.—With a 60-mile gale sweeping the northern section and a terrific sleet storm in the southern part, Michigan is in the throes of the worst blizzard of the winter.

Diggers Find Living Negro

FOURTEEN HOUR IMPRISONMENT IN DEBRIS ENDS.

Babe Gone, Mother Safe

One Person Taken From Bed and Another Left Unhurt.

Omaha, Mar. 25.—Fourteen hours after the storm, while soldiers were digging in the ruins of the Diamond picture theatre, and believing all dead a negro suddenly arose from the debris, gave one wild yell and ran down the street at top speed.

It is now believed that most of the people in the showhouse when the cyclone struck, escaped.

Mrs. W. W. Sherwood was ill in bed. A baby lay beside her when the storm struck the house, and the child disappeared but the mother was unhurt. It is believed the baby was killed.

Latest reports from Ralston, a suburb, say two corpses were found today.

Berlin reports say the town is wrecked and eight known to be dead, and a score injured.

Dice in Dead Hands. Hundreds of negroes swarm at the morgues where unidentified bodies lie. The body of one negro removed from Idlewild hall, held a pair of dice in his hands.

At noon the rescuers finished exploration of the ruins of the Idlewild and started clearing away the debris of adjoining structures. It will require several weeks to complete the search for bodies.

EQUIPMENT IS BETTERED

O.-W. SPENDS OVER \$3700 FOR NEW MACHINERY.

Machine Shop and Boiler Shops Each Get New Equipment.

Machinery that will facilitate work and enlarge the capacity of the machine shops and the boiler shops of the O.-W. here, have been put in working order, at an outlay of over \$3700. One machine alone that now adds to the efficiency of the machine shop, cost better than \$3,000. It is a 50-in. Niles boring and turning mill, so constructed and improved that no similar machine has yet been used here previously. It is capable of turning down the inside of an engine tire with the same dispatch that the outside tire turning has been done in the past, handling a 57 inch tire.

Flue Cleaner in Use.

The rattling method of flue cleaning, where the flues were placed in a revolving cylinder—so constructed that when the scales were jarred and knocked loose by the process, they would fall through the retainer—has been discarded for a more improved type and method. The new process is one of four machines just installed here. It cuts the scales from each separate flue, quickly and effectively. A third machine is what is known as an Underwood drill grinder, for sharpening the drilling tools. The fourth is a Landis stay bolt cutter.

COAL SUPPLY GOOD.

Storage Company Coal Not Called on for Several Weeks.

O.-W. company coal supply is good. Storekeeper A. J. Martin reports sufficient coal in storage which has not

OMAHA'S RICH EXTEND LOANS TO HOMELESS

ORGANIZATION OF WEALTHY TO ASSIST POOR AND NEEDY TO REBUILD.

LACK OF INSURANCE HURTS

Easy Term Loans to Be Made to People of Omaha by Corporations and Millionaires of the City—Great Mansion Not to Be Rebuilt by Millionaire Jesslyn.

Omaha, March 25.—Plans to rebuild Omaha are already under way. It is expected that Omaha's big corporations and financial institutions will form an organization to loan money to cyclone sufferers on easy terms that the building may go on. A score of the most fashionable residences in the most fashionable district were demolished but not one of them carried any insurance. The mansion of Geo. Jesslyn, the multi-millionaire, will not be rebuilt.

Type Drummer Here.

F. A. Carr, the well known type foundry representative, is in the city today on business matters pertaining to the attached East Oregonian Publishing company.

LOCAL ALARM IS APPEASED

SEVERAL FAMILIES HERE GET OMAHA NEWS.

Deathlist Known up to Late Last Night Now in City.

Private telegrams are commencing to percolate to the coast from storm-hit Omaha. Local people, and they are numerous, who have been on the anxious seat for word from their relatives and friends, are commencing to get word from their people. Among these messages came word from C. H. Withnell, commissioner of fire and water in Omaha, to his sister, Mrs. George L. Cleaver. He, his family, and Geo. L. Cleaver's mother escaped injury but lost their property.

Other local people who hail from Omaha on the storm zone have been rewarded, in many instances, by apparent assurance that none of their kin were killed or hurt.

Death List Now Here.

The list of known dead in Omaha and nearby towns, as compiled last night at a late hour, is now in the Observer office but its length prevents publication. Those interested can see the list at this office at any time.

been called into use of late, and also that the company coal now rolling is plentiful. The added activities on this division of the O.-W. has necessitated a large crew in the store-keeper's department and of late months and from the chief down all are "on the jump." Other than Portland, there is probably no store in the state that transacts the volume of business done here.