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Record-Breaking Floods in Eastern States.

LOSSES RUN IN THE MILLIONS

Sudden Rise in the Susquehanna Causes Several Deaths at Wilkes-Barre—The Hudson on a Rampage.

Floods in the Susquehanna, Hudson and Delaware Rivers caused great damage to property, and some loss of life. The sudden rise at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was a record-breaker. The Allegheny and Schuylkill Rivers are falling. Railroad traffic in New York State is interrupted and a part of Albany is under water. Hundreds of poor families at Paterson, N. J., are homeless.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 2.—A heavy rain fall and a rush of water from its upper tributaries caused the north branch of the Susquehanna River to rise rapidly today, and at 10 o'clock this evening the gauge showed 31 feet 3 inches. It is thought there will be another rise of a few inches before the water recedes.

Today's mark is equal to that of 1895, which was a record-breaker. The water to cover the banks of the river from Kingston to Nanticoke and resembles a vast lake. Nearly one-half of the city is under water. At Westmore, Fawcett and Riverside, nearly all residents have abandoned their houses. The water has reached the first stories and is gradually going up to the second. Those who lingered too long had to be removed in boats. The cellars of the Sterling and Wyoming Valley Hotels and many mercantile houses in the central part of the city are filled with water. People living on River and adjoining streets, which is the principal residence portion of the city, are hemmed in by the water and are unable to leave their homes unless by boat. All the streets in West Pittston are under several feet of water.

Two hundred families living in the lowlands in the town of Plymouth had to leave their houses hastily this afternoon, the water covering the first floors and putting out the fires. The body of Mrs. Rowland, who died this afternoon, had to be removed from the premises on a stretcher as there was danger of the house being carried away. Dr. W. J. Butler had to be rowed in a boat to a house at Riverside to attend a woman who shortly afterwards gave birth to a child.

Washouts are reported all along the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and many miles are flooded. Nine lives have been lost so far. The casualties for the past 24 hours were three. The property loss is already estimated at \$1,000,000. Richard Breckert and his two horses were drowned while he was driving William P. Reilly in a cab to Luzerne, across the river, the vehicle being swept away. Reilly landed on a big cake of ice and was rescued after floating around for an hour. The names of the other victims are unknown.

TRAFFIC RESUMED AT PITTSBURG.

The Total Loss There Is Placed at \$1,250,000.

PITTSBURG, March 2.—This city and Allegheny have so far recovered from the flood as to have resumed all ordinary traffic, and to have, in a great measure, overcome the inconvenience brought about by the high waters. The only portions of either city still under water are the lower parts of Penn avenue, in Pittsburgh, and the Woods Run district in Allegheny. Both of these sections will be out of the water's clutch before morning, as the rivers are steadily falling here and at all above points.

All day long great gangs of men were out to work pumping out cars, carrying away debris and water generally, while thousands of sightseers looked on.

Conservative men place the total loss here at about \$1,500,000. This includes the loss to the thousands of workmen in wages, as well as the actual property loss. Reliable merchants say the loss in the Penn-avenue district alone, from the Lincoln Hotel to Twelfth street, probably will exceed \$300,000. In this district, the Lincoln suffered \$100,000 damage, the water reaching a height of 19 feet in the basement. The Duquesne Theater also suffered considerably, the water completely covering the parquette. The Exposition Society's big building at that point was entirely surrounded by water, and the only access can be gained to the building by foot. The loss here is estimated at \$100,000. Many downtown churches abandoned services today, but none of the church buildings are materially injured. In the mid-district, in most cases operations will be resumed tomorrow or Tuesday. All Central district city are in practically normal condition.

SCHUYLKILL WITHIN ITS BOUNDS.

Work of Cleaning Up Begun at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 2.—The Schuylkill River is again within its banks and close to its normal condition tonight. The work of cleaning up was begun during last night, and today the railroad which skirts the shores of the river resumed operations. The first train out of the Baltimore and Ohio depot since Friday evening left this morning for the West. Service to Pottsville and Reading from this city is also again in full operation.

The destruction wrought is so great that many industrial establishments along the river bank will be unable to resume work for several days. Quite a number of buildings used for manufacturing purposes had their foundations weakened and machinery clogged with mud. Thousands of persons visited the scenes of the flood today and watched the hundreds of workmen clearing away the debris and pumping the water out of buildings. At Pottsville the destruction was so great that the water has receded, are recovering their normal conditions rapidly. At Pottsville rain fell heavily all day, which resulted in again sending the river up slightly at that point, but no further damage is apprehended.

Historic Bridge Washed Away.
HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2.—Two piers of the famous old camel-back bridge on the Harrisburg side were washed away today. The bridge was built in 1815, and was probably the oldest structure across the Susquehanna River. The Pennsylvania Railroad's steel bridge at Rockville is in danger, and the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton and the iron and steel mills in South Harrisburg have been

forced to close down. South Harrisburg is under water, and many families are living in the upper stories of their homes. Last night 200 persons sought safety in the schoolhouse at Lochiel. The water has been receding since noon.

HUDSON OUT OF ITS BANKS.

Entire Southern Part of Albany Is Under Water.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—Railroad traffic has been badly interfered with, and not a wheel has turned on a street-car line today as a result of the Hudson River overflowing its banks. The entire southern part of the city is under water, and people have to use rowboats to get to and from their homes. The New York Central tracks west of Albany are entirely under water, and all trains are transferred to the West Shore Railroad at Rotterdam Junction. At Castleton the water was so high that the engine fires were extinguished and the passengers were forced to remain in the cars until daylight, when they were transferred in boats to carry-alls which took them to Brookview. The Boston & Albany train was in waiting to bring them at 8 o'clock tonight the water began to fall slowly.

Railroad Traffic Interfered With.
NEW YORK, March 2.—The floods along

PLAN OF NEW LAW

Delegates to Be Named by Precincts, Not Wards.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OPINION

County Clerk Sweetland Says He Will Insist That Chamberlain's Construction of Law Is Observed.

At the request of County Clerk Sweetland an opinion has been rendered by District Attorney Chamberlain on whether delegates to county and municipal conventions should be made by precincts or

DR. THOMAS CONDON'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.



PIONEER PROFESSOR OF OREGON CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY TODAY.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, March 2.—Tomorrow (Monday), March 3, 1902, is the 80th birthday anniversary of Dr. Thomas Condon, professor of geology in the University of Oregon. To early Oregonians this will recall the pioneer days when Dr. Condon labored among them as a minister of the gospel; with the scientists it will recall his work as one of America's geologists; to the college students it means much more—that as teacher and friend his work has gone into the making of the manhood of the state, and will continue to bear its fruit in the many years to come.

Dr. Condon is a native of Southern Ireland. At the age of 11, he came to New York City, where he grew to manhood and gained a grammar school education. He attended the Methodist college school at Cazenovia, in Central New York, taught school a number of years and graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1852. The same year he married Miss Corvella Holt, of Buffalo, and came to Oregon, by way of Cape Horn, as a home missionary for the Pacific Coast.

After 19 years of work in Western Oregon, Dr. Condon moved with his family to The Dalles, in 1871. In 1876, when the State University was opened at Eugene, Dr. Condon was called to the faculty from Forest Grove. He is now the only professor in the university who was a member of the first faculty, which consisted of President J. W. Johnson, Professor Mark Bailey, Mrs. Mary Boyce Spiller and Dr. Thomas Condon.

Dr. Condon is preparing the manuscript for the publication of a book descriptive of the geological growth of Oregon and the Northwest. The book will be entitled, "The Two Islands, and What Became of Them." Though not an extensive treatise, the publication will contain a number of illustrations. The work will treat of the different geological periods, the animals that occupied the lands in those times, and in particular the animals and animal life of the tertiary lake beds of the John Day Valley, The Dalles and the Klamath regions. The material of the book is the result of the original research work of Dr. Condon in Eastern Oregon.

As a teacher, Dr. Condon has always been characterized by patience, sympathy, personal interest in his students, and by deep piety and enthusiasm for his work.

the line of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad are interfering extensively with traffic, according to reports given out at the Grand Central Station in this city. No through trains to the West were dispatched in the afternoon and evening. The 3:35 P. M. train for Albany left on time, but went only to Hudson. No passengers would be taken beyond that point, as bridges are down and tracks washed away between Hudson and Albany. The greatest trouble, however, was reported at points along the main line between Hudson and Buffalo, where trains are stalled or have not been sent out because of floods along the line.

Highest in Forty-six Years.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 2.—The Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers have been over their banks here for the last 36 hours. Rowboats are in use in a large section of the city. About 1000 families have been affected by the flood. The water now stands at the highest mark in 46 years.

In Northwestern New York.
SARATOGA, N. Y., March 1.—Heavy rain prevailed throughout today, and added to the great volume of surface waters that are inundating valleys and lowlands in the Lower Adirondacks and Northwestern New York.

Suffering at Elmira.
ELMIRA, N. Y., March 2.—There is much suffering among the large number of families who were driven from their homes by the high water.

Many Bridges Gone Out.
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., March 2.—The water in the streams is higher than ever known before. Many bridges have gone out.

Suffering at Paterson.
HUNDREDS OF POOR FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS.
PATERSON, N. J., March 2.—This city, so recently swept by fire, is now overwhelmed by floods. Three weeks ago the greater part of its business section was burned out, and today the quarter oc-

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entitled to sit as the delegates from the said precinct in such convention."

The parts of said sections above quoted, as well as some other sections of the primary law, appear to be in conflict as to whether delegates to county and municipal conventions may be nominated by wards or precincts. As the legality of nominations and subsequent elections will depend upon the validity of the primary election, I desire to have your opinion as to whether delegates can be elected by wards, or should they be apportioned to the several precincts, to be voted for by the electors thereof.

As the time for holding primary elections is near at hand, I would be pleased to have your opinion on the above question by Monday, March 3, next. Very respectfully yours, H. B. ADAMS, Chairman City and County Democratic Central Committee.

Referred to District Attorney.
This inquiry was referred to District Attorney Chamberlain by County Clerk Sweetland.

Portland, March 1.—Hon. George E. Chamberlain, District Attorney, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith I beg to hand you a communication from H. B. Adams, chairman of the city and county Democratic central committee, asking me whether or not, in my opinion, delegates to the primary elections can be elected by wards.

Of considerable import, I desire to have your opinion in the matter before making a definite answer. Will you kindly give the matter your early consideration and oblige yours, very truly, L. Q. SWEETLAND, Clerk of County Court.

Mr. Chamberlain's Opinion.
Yesterday District Attorney Chamberlain answered as follows:

L. Q. Sweetland, Esq., County Clerk—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st instant, enclosing a communication to you from Hon. H. B. Adams, chairman of the city and county Democratic central committee, asking me whether or not, in my opinion, delegates to the primary elections can be elected by wards, or whether they should be apportioned to the several precincts to be voted on by the electors thereof. This you have referred to me for my opinion.

Section 4 of the primary election law requires the managing committee of each political party desiring to hold a convention of delegates, not less than seven days before primary election, to cause a notice to be published in some newspaper of general circulation in the county or city in which the election is to be held. This notice is required to state, amongst other things, "the number of delegates to be elected to the convention and the apportionment of delegates to each election precinct, ward or district, and such other information as may be deemed proper."

Section 5 provides, amongst other things, as follows: "At any time prior to four days before primary day the managing committee of any such political party or association as is described in section 3 hereof, may file with the County Clerk a list of delegates to the convention proposed by them to be voted for by members of their party at the primary election, for any or all of such precincts or wards, designating the precinct or ward in which the proposed delegates reside, and in which they are proposed to be elected. The ticket or list of names so filed shall be known as the regular ticket of that political party, and any 10 or more members of the same political party or association, who are qualified voters residing in any ward or precinct of such city may at any time prior to two days before primary day file with the County Clerk a ticket or list of delegates to the convention from the wards or precincts of such city, all being residents and qualified voters in the same ward or precinct as the persons so proposing them, and the ticket or list of names so filed shall be known as an independent ticket of that political party in that ward or precinct."

Section 6 provides, amongst other things, as follows: "The County Clerk 'shall forthwith proceed and cause to be printed separately for each such political party or association the ballots required for the primary election in each election precinct, containing in each ballot, according to the priority of filing, the regular and independent tickets of such party for the particular election precinct in which such ballot is intended to be used, and any 10 or more independent tickets or lists have been duly filed for the same precinct or ward a serial number shall be given to each of the independent tickets in such precinct or ward as 'Independent No. 1,' 'Independent No. 2,' etc."

Section 24 provides, amongst other things, that "the persons receiving the highest number of votes in any precinct or ward shall be declared elected, and shall be entitled to such office as they may be qualified to fill in such precinct or ward." Section 25 provides, amongst other things, that "the persons receiving the highest number of votes in any precinct or ward shall be declared elected, and shall be entitled to such office as they may be qualified to fill in such precinct or ward."

Precinct Apportionment.
Taking these provisions together, it would seem that it was the intention of the Legislature to require delegates to the conventions to be apportioned amongst the election precincts, and not amongst the wards. There is more than one voting precinct in a ward. If it happens, however, that a ward constitutes a single voting precinct, in such case for that particular ward the apportionment would be for the ward, because it constituted a voting precinct. I do not see how any other construction can be placed upon the acting question. This view is strengthened by the fact that section 5 requires the residence of the proposed delegates in the precinct or ward to be furnished to the clerk by the managing committee of each party, and by the further fact that section 4 requires that the clerk shall cause to be printed separately for each party the ballots required for the election in each precinct, and that the ballots made for shall be printed upon the sample or official ballot by the County Clerk, for use in any general or municipal election, unless the delegates attending such convention from precincts within such cities as are designated by section 1 hereof were selected at a primary election held in accordance with this act, but this provision shall not preclude nominations by assemblies of electors for individual electors."

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the apportionment of delegates should be made to the several precincts within the city limits where a ward is composed of more than one election precinct. Respectfully yours, GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, District Attorney.

IN MAN'S CLOTHES.
Woman Surprised Fishermen on Saginaw Bay Ice Floe.

BAY CITY, Mich., March 1.—Thirty-five men, one woman and a team of horses escaped from a big floe of ice in Saginaw Bay to the shore at Big Creek, Tuscola County, today. The woman had been living on the ice all winter, her sex being unknown to the men. She was manlike in appearance, and wore complete male attire with trousers tucked in her boots. Her sex was discovered when the party was making an effort to get ashore. It became necessary. The woman demurred, and after some questioning, she admitted her sex. She had been backward about visiting among the other shanties on the ice all winter, preferring the seclusion of her own hut. She said she had gone upon the ice partly for the excitement, and partly for making money catching fish.

THROUGH THE SOUTH

Prince Henry's Interesting Day of Sightseeing.

CLIMBED LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Placed Him in the Position of Abolitionist to Him—Negro Melodies Sung at Nashville—On to St. Louis.

Prince Henry stood on the top of Lookout Mountain and saw where the blue and the gray fought nearly 40 years ago. General Boynton pointed out the places of historic interest. At Nashville, the Prince heard the genuine plantation melodies, sung by a party of students from Fisk University. At Louisville, Indianapolis and other stopping places vast crowds greeted the visitor. This morning he will be the guest of St. Louis; this evening, of Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2.—Prince Henry of Prussia went up Lookout Mountain today, and after viewing the ground where the Union and Confederate armies met in conflict and hearing afresh the story of the battles, resumed his journey to the North and West. Leaving Chattanooga over the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, his train ran through a corner of Alabama, and then, turning to the north, hurried across Tennessee, with a stop at Nashville, through Kentucky, with brief stays at Louisville and Bowling Green, and up into Indiana. At Indianapolis the course was changed to the westward again, and on the tracks of the Vandallia line his train tonight is on the road to St. Louis.

His reception at the South was hospitable and demonstrative. The negroes manifested great curiosity as to the Prince, and they interested and amused him. He had an opportunity to hear them sing at Nashville, and was greatly pleased at the experience. It was the first time he had seen the colored people, and at the close he asked the young woman who led them to come into his car. He shook her hand and congratulated her.

Demonstrations of Friendship.
There was a great crowd at Chattanooga, and the people presented the Prince with a handsome souvenir of his visit. Nashville also made a demonstration of friendship, as did Louisville and Indianapolis. At every station along the route the people gathered to salute him with cheers. There was much enthusiasm over Admiral Evans as well, and at several points, after they had seen and cheered the Prince, the people called for the Admiral.

Brief though it was, Prince Henry was delighted with the Southern tour, and as he was leaving Nashville said: "The people have been very kind to me. Everywhere they have received me in the kindest manner, and I very deeply appreciate it. I wish they might all know how thankful I am."

Guided by a pilot engine, the royal special made a rapid run from Cincinnati to Chattanooga. Tired from his exertions of the day, the Prince retired after leaving Cincinnati, but his slumbers were disturbed by the clamorous calls made for him at one of the Kentucky towns. At Somerset several young men ran up to his car, and, beating on the windows of his apartment, familiarly called upon him to appear. He did not know that it was simply an act of hoodlums, and said when he arose that he would have shown himself if he had been dressed.

It was 8 o'clock when the special pulled into the station at Chattanooga, and the reception committee, headed by Newell Sanders and accompanied by Eugene C. "Commodore" H. Clay Evans and General Boynton, came forward formally to greet the Prince. There was a great throng in and about the depot, and it broke into noisy cheers when the Prince appeared at the rear of the car Columbia. He wore the uniform of an Admiral, and saluted when he faced the crowd.

On Lookout Mountain.
He and his party were taken by special electric train to the incline railway that leads to the rugged face of Lookout Mountain. They made the ascent in two cars, the Prince, escorted by General Boynton and Commissioner Evans, riding on the rear platform of the first. The morning was fairly clear when the car began the ascent, and the splendid panoramic view only came into vision. As the Prince reached the top of the mountain the sun broke through the gray clouds, and for a short time the view was excellent. General Boynton, who participated in the Chattanooga operations with Sherman's Army, and is chairman of the Chickamauga National Park Association, accompanied the Prince down along the ridge of the mountain, and briefly related the story of the campaign. He pointed off to the Cumberland Mountains beyond which Rosecrans began the movement.

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