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## FLOOD AND STORM

The Susquehanna Valley, in Pennsylvania, Again Threatened.

PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE WORST

The Storm and its Effects Extend From Lake Erie South to the Ohio River.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 20.—With the horrors of the disastrous flood of '89, which spread life and destruction throughout this valley, brought back to memory by the threatened danger of a sloop of water that promises to be as great as that of five years ago, the people of this city and throughout the west branch of the valley are in a state of panic that has turned the usually quiet Sunday into one of remarkable excitement. Since Friday night a steady and almost continuous downpour of rain has been swelling all the streams, and late last night numerous cloudbursts along Pine creek and other tributaries of the west branch of the Susquehanna have made it impossible to confine the water within the banks of the streams. It has therefore spread out over the country, and at every point is pouring into the main river. Throughout the day rain has fallen here and it continues to fall tonight. Advices from all points up the river say the same conditions exist. A cloudburst at Keating, 20 miles above Renovo, early this morning raised the river there to 20 feet, and the river at Renovo is much higher than in the flood of 1889. Above there and extending to the headwaters at Clearfield, every town and hamlet has been reduced by water to the conditions that prevailed in 1889. Along the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, between this point and Emporium, traffic has been practically suspended since last night. The trains are running between Williamsport and Lock Haven, but above the latter point landslides and track washouts have practically swept the track away, and the loss will be very heavy.

### Flood Swept Bradford.

BRADFORD, May 20.—The worst flood in Bradford's history is rushing through the Tuna valley today. Twenty streets contiguous to the creek are inundated, and hundreds of families are in the swim. The east and west branches of Tuna are both transformed into good-sized rivers. Below Foreman street, at the confluence of the two streams, the flood is a quarter of a mile wide, and is high enough to ruin all the carpets in the houses on Hilton and other streets in the lower part of the sixth ward. Douglass dam is partly torn away. Weaver's ice house is in ruins. The North-street bridge is gone, and several railroad and street bridges are in danger. The railroad people are holding down their bridges with heavily-loaded cars. In the sixth ward 20 families were taken out of their houses in boats during the night, and on Clarence, River and Hilton streets a corps of skiffs rescued many more. Luckily there were no fatalities. An 18-month-old baby fell into the west branch this evening and was swept away in the current. Thomas Potter leaped into the creek, and after a desperate struggle saved the child. The flood from the east branch covered the territory over which run the Erie railroad tracks, the Western New York & Pennsylvania tracks and those of the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua railway.

### STREETS TURNED INTO RIVERS.

Webster street is navigable by boats. Across Corydon to Newell avenue to Main and then down Davis street, there is a rushing body of deep water, and skiffs ply from the Riddle house up and down the streets. At the Henderson house, on the ground floor, there is six inches of water. Twenty business houses on Main street, between Webster and the Erie railroad, are in a still worse condition. Sixty feet of the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua track, just below the city's eastern line, has been washed out the trains of that road come over the Erie track from Limestone. The fire alarm bell was sounded this morning at 2 o'clock, and the firemen

were called out to help people from their houses. They did excellent work. A carload of lime in a storehouse near the track about Elm street became water-soaked and fired the building while undergoing the slacking process, and in the flood to their waists the firemen had further work to do. The rain yesterday and last night and today fell as if from a cloudburst, but this evening it has abated somewhat, and it is believed the worst is over.

### THE STATE BANK ISSUE.

This Will Be the Important Business Before the House.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The state bank issue, which has been gathering strength at caucuses and conferences ever since congress assembled, promises to be fought to a finish during the coming week. It will bring out a sharp contest on party as well as on economical lines, for the state bank plank of the national democratic platform advanced the question to a place of importance second only to silver. The advocates of state banks have been restive for weeks to test their strength. They failed to have a bill reported from the banking committee. Thereupon a caucus was called and a resolution adopted that the issue should be made before the house on an amendment to the Brawley bill. This long-deferred bill, with the state bank amendment is now to be brought to a vote. The bill is not important in its features; its main use is in serving as a bank bill to which a state bank amendment is germane. Chairman Springer, of the banking committee, and Cox, Culbertson, Swanson and other state bank advocates expect to begin the contest Tuesday or Wednesday on a question of consideration. The anti-state bank men are expected to insist that the Indian appropriation bill has equal privilege, in which case a test vote will decide the strength of the state-bank men. They are confident of winning on the vote of consideration, and Springer is prepared to open the debate. The main issue, however, will be on conditional or unconditional repeal of the tax. Swanson says unconditional repeal can certainly muster 140 votes and conditional repeal 155.

### OTHER PROBABLE BUSINESS.

Aside from the banking bill, Hatch is hopeful of taking up the anti-option bill during the week. Monday is the regular suspension day, but it is expected the executive bill will hold its place and be pressed. The Indian appropriation bill is next on the calendar. The most important committee work of the week will be the reporting, from the rules committee, of a recommendation that the naval committee investigate the armor-plate frauds. The report is expected Monday, for Tuesday the judiciary committee will consider Judge Jenkins and his strike injunction. Thursday, Bland will again try to have his free-coinage bill reported from the coinage committee.

### RODE LIKE COXEY.

Two Hogs and a Goose Carried Two Hundred Miles.

ELLWOOD, Ind., May 20.—During the heavy cyclone the other day two hogs and a fat goose, belonging to Sam Wainscott, were blown from his barnyard in Peoria, Ill. These very pigs and the companion goose are now in the barnyard of T. J. Hancock, near this city, where they were dropped by the cyclone which swept over this city at that time. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when Hancock was aroused from his sleep by the storm. He went out into the barnyard to look after his stock, and his attention was attracted to the clouds, in which he saw during the lightning flash the pigs and goose. Suddenly they dropped to the ground in his yard and the next morning they were as lively as usual, having suffered little during their perilous trip of 207 miles through the air. Mr. Hancock wrote to Mr. Wainscott, asking for a description of the missing pigs and goose, and it tallies exactly with that of the animals in Mr. Hancock's possession.

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### Memorial Services and Decoration Day.

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GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

Memorial day being near at hand, it is fitting that we, as members of the G. A. R., observe the day with appropriate exercises; and in view of said observance all members of the G. A. R., all soldiers and sailors of the late civil war W. R. C. and S. of V., are requested to meet at G. A. R. headquarters at 1 o'clock p. m. May 30, 1894, from whence we will proceed to the G. A. R. cemetery, where the exercises of the day will be held. All military and civic societies and citizens of The Dalles and vicinity are invited to participate with us. A detachment of Third Regiment, O. N. G., will act as escort.

Members of G. A. R., W. R. C., S. of V. and O. N. G., stationed at The Dalles, are requested to meet at G. A. R. headquarters Sunday, May 27, 1894, for the purpose of attending memorial service at the M. E. church. All other church societies are invited to join with us in union services.

C. H. BROWNE, Post Com.  
J. M. PATTERSON, Post Adj.

ANOTHER MEANING FOR O. K.  
In Russia It Used to Denote a Certain Fervent Patriot.

"O. K." has another significance than the one usually attached to it. In Russia O. K. used to mean a mysterious brilliant writer who filled columns of the Moscow Gazette and Russia with letters in favor of an Anglo-Russian alliance. The mystic letters meant Olga Kireeff, one of the most prominent of all the fascinating set of social-political Russian luminaries, says the New York World.

She was the only daughter of a distinguished Russian family, and the god-child of Emperor Nicholas, and led the usual life of the upper class Russian girl until her marriage with Gen. Novikoff. She was the typical leader of the social diplomatic set for awhile, but was not seriously interested in politics until one of her brothers was killed in the Russo-Turkish war. Then she awoke suddenly to the fact of political life, and, believing that had England and Russia been on friendly terms such sacrifices would not have been necessary, she became an earnest advocate of an alliance between the two countries.

In England she has many friends of distinction. Kinglake, Hon. C. P. Villiers, Mervin Osborn, Prof. Tyndall, Gladstone, Carlyle, John Bright, Prof. Freeman, and Froude were all personal friends of hers, and some of them supporters of her views. She always stays at Claridges when she is in London, and it was to her that Kinglake wrote the well-known non-sense verse: "There is a fair lady at Claridge's whose smile is more charming to me than the raptures of ninety-nine marriages could possibly, possibly be."

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### IT FILLED A BLANK.

How the Term "Bore" Came to Be So Commonly Used.

The first appearance of this pregnant monosyllable in literature occurs in the letters of Lord Carlisle and of Selwyn; but there it is used to express, not a creature, but a state or condition induced by tedium. Thus, in 1767 Lord Carlisle writes: "I inclose you a packet of letters which, if they are French, the Lord deliver you from the bore!" Thereafter, says the Nineteenth Century, it became common as a verb in the correspondence of the eighteenth century, expressive, apparently, of the intolerable anguish inflicted on their fellows by a class of men and women for whom, as yet, no generic term had been devised; and in that employment it has been admirably explained of late in the new English dictionary as "to weary by tedious conversation, or simply by the failure to be interesting."

But the nineteenth century had not long dawned before the want became too pressing not to be supplied, and writers began to apply the word "bore" to the agent—"the tiresome or ungenial person; one who worries or worries." They did so timidly at first, with due caveat of inverted commas; but the term took on; it filled a blank that had been felt for a hundred years, and it had come into such common use by the twenties that Byron declared:

Society is now one polished horde  
Formed of the mighty tribes—the Boreds and Boreds.

Disraeli rashly attempted a definition in "Vivian Gray": "The true bore is that man who thinks the world is only interested in one subject, because he himself can only comprehend one."

### Notice.

All city warrants registered prior to December 3, 1891, are now due and payable at my office. Interest ceases after this date. I. I. BURGET, City Treas.

Dated Dalles City, May 15, 1894.

### FROM THE FAR NORTH.

Relic of a Whaler's Trip to the Northwest Passage.

One of the most interesting things to be seen in Washington, says the Post, is an old, battered harpoon head, branded with the letters "Mon T." The history of the relic is remarkable. It was found bedded deep in the body of a whale killed by the fleet after a terrific fight in the Compas grounds, off the northwest coast, some years ago. It was a great swivel-headed spear, well preserved, except where the shank of the iron had been eaten away by the salt water down to the whale's body. From the brand on the iron its history could be traced. The mark was that of the steam whaler Montezuma, which was formerly a British man-of-war, and nearly sixty years ago was purchased by the Nantucket whalers and cruised in the North Atlantic. During the late war the Montezuma, which was then a worthless old hulk, was purchased by the government and sent to cage in the blockade runners at Charleston. From all the facts in her history it must have been nearly fifty years ago that she lost the harpoon in the great whale in the Atlantic, and as the humpback whale never goes south past the tropics this one must have worked his way over through the northwest passage and under the ice floes to the Compas grounds off the northwest coast, where he was killed by the San Francisco fleet nearly half a century later. This harpoon was long in the office of the whaling company in San Francisco and was presented by Senator Perkins to the National Geographic society of Washington.

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