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BOULDER BROOK RUIES.

The Opposing Elements, Fire and Water, Almost Annihilate the Town.

A NIGHT OF TERROR SPENT BY RESIDENTS

The Damage Will Run Way Up Into the Thousands

One Man Lost His Life in the Seething Current in the Attempt to Rescue People From Their Perilous Position—The Business Portion of the Town, Wrecked By the Flames—Details of the Awful State of Affairs.

From The Press of Feb. 7.

Never before has this section of New Jersey experienced such a catastrophe as was enacted by two diverse elements—fire and water—at Bound Brook, last night. Providentially, the loss of life was only two, and for this the people should give up thanks to Heaven. The details of the affair follow:

Fire and water combined last night to destroy the borough of Bound Brook, and succeeded fairly well in the business portion of the town. The great amount of water that fell nearly all day caused the trouble and resulted in the destruction of many lives.

Bound Brook is situated on the north bank of the Raritan river, while Bound, Green and Middle brooks all pass in or near the town before joining the Raritan. The streams were swollen early in the morning, but gradually grew in proportions until they overflowed their banks. The Middle Brook had several other streams west of the village, and the first to pour their torrents into the surrounding country. The bridge over Middle Brook of the Jersey Central, about half a mile west of the town, was unable to carry the enormous amount of water that came rushing down and it followed along the bank of the railroad to find a way to the river.

At about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon the water reached the town, and it quickly rose until Main street, the principal business thoroughfare, was submerged to the depth of seven feet, while in the lower districts the water was over ten feet deep. The streets to the east, east and west of the borough, resembled an inland sea, and the houses, except those on the high ground, were completely flooded and the inmates driven to the second stories.

It was the same case in the flooded district of the town, for the water came into the first stories and the residents were driven upstairs to seek the going down of the water. The water followed the railroad bank toward Dunellen for about one-quarter of a mile, and then escaped under the bridges. The openings were of insufficient size to allow the water to pass, and that region was submerged for almost a mile. The violent wind added to the violent current that tore through the town.

As soon as the first signs of a flood were seen, the Bound Brook fire department took all the apparatus out of the engine house and stored them in the truck house, which is situated on the high ground just behind the engine house. The first of the fire was discovered at 7 o'clock. Between 7 and 8 o'clock flames were discovered in L. D. Cook & Co.'s lumber yard. The cause of the fire is not exactly known but it is thought that the lime and water had become slackened and ignited the lumber.

The flames spread rapidly until the entire mass of lumber was on fire. The lumber yard was a large one, about two acres in size, and had been stocked only recently. As much of the fire department as could reach the high ground went to work to prevent the spread of the flames. The next thing to catch fire was the large Presbyterian church of the city, which was built of wood and burned like tinder.

The firemen worked with might and main and soon had four streams of water on the fire, two from East street and two from Second street, but it was impossible to do anything but burn the adjacent property. The house and store of James T. Ferris caught, but was extinguished before it had gained much headway. Bound Brook Hotel, however, was in the lumber yard, as does the post office and several smaller buildings. These repeatedly started but little damage was done. Alger's house on East street was also several times burning, but was saved from destruction. The church was burned to the water's edge and about two o'clock was a mass of smouldering ruins. The lumber yard, however, burned here all night and attracted the attention of people of miles around by the bright light in the sky.

The Raritan river itself rose fifteen feet in ten hours and overflowed its banks all the way to New Brunswick where the water was three feet deep

The nearest building to the track was a lively stable and on top of it there was a man. A line was thrown to him. Two of the longest ladders were fastened together, and with a telegraph pole as a central brace, they were stretched over. The boat was pushed alongside of the ladder and William Robinson, of this city, at the risk of his life, managed to reach the roof. He learned that two women and five children were in a house in close proximity to the stable, and he wanted to get them to a place of safety. He was given a short ladder and Robinson returned to the embankment. It appeared to be an all night effort. The plan was to use the telegraph pole as a ladder and to spend it as best they could by either sleeping or wandering around on the small space not yet flooded.

To a Daily Press reporter a Bound Brook man told the story of the very rapid rise of the water and how he and a friend were caught on the embankment on their way home. He estimated the loss by both fire and flood as several hundred thousand dollars.

At about 2 o'clock the "special" turned to Plainfield with its load of ladders and men.

Somerville and South Branch also felt the high water. Bridges and abutments were washed away and portions of the track were undermined. An unknown man was drowned in the stream near North Branch. The trains were stalled at Somerville, while the American Engine Company, which is located at short distance below the bridge on the south bank, was inundated and the fires in the furnaces extinguished. Considerable damage was done to the property of the company, while the pumps, which is situated just below the other factory, suffered also from the high water.

Below the bridge on the north side, near the small saloon and hotel about one hundred yards from the river. When the torrents poured through the valley, the occupants, a man and woman, were placed in a precarious position. An attempt at rescue was made, but the woman was drowned. The boat was swamped, however, and Miller disappeared. It is supposed that he was drowned. The works of the American Engine Company, which is on the same bank a little farther down, but on higher ground. Had the water reached them the damage would have been extensive as the buildings contained some very valuable machinery.

The water soon overflowed the railroad near the Middle Brook bridge and by ten o'clock nearly a mile of the railroad was under water. Bridges were washed out and the track undermined. The water extended toward Dunellen for about one hundred feet beyond the Bound Brook station. The station, telegraph office, and Union News Company's stand were all flooded. No trains ran through Bound Brook after six o'clock last night. The five o'clock train from Jersey City went through all right, but after that one train was held up at Bound Brook and the rest at Dunellen, from which place all the trains started this morning. The Lehigh Valley railroad and the Port Reading railroad were both blocked by the water and several trains were held up. Plainfield first heard of the fire at about ten o'clock. An alarm fire was turned in from box 45 by some one who saw the bright light in the direction of Bound Brook. The depot at Dunellen, turning when Superintendent Olshausen of the Jersey Central railroad, and a Bound Brook fireman, arrived here on a locomotive. The Plainfield firemen were asked to get some long ladders and hoses to Bound Brook. There was no need of a steamer or hose, as the fire was too far from the track to be reached.

Two coal cars were coupled on behind the engine and the apparatus placed in them. Then a detail of firemen, under the command of First Assistant Chief J. A. Martin, and a few other, climbed in and the special train started at about 11 o'clock. It began to hail and the shivering crowd was glad to huddle together for warmth. At last the party reached the scene of action and a horrible sight met their eyes. The embankment was apparently a long point projecting out into an immense lake. The water was on every side and the houses, with the water half-way up the first story, loomed up like grim specters.

The telephone, lumber yard and church lit up the scene until it was almost as bright as day. The cold wind and hail made it impossible to stand still, very long and the party of Plainfielders, tramped up and down the track or took refuge in the stalled trains and the Lehigh Valley railroad station, which was not flooded. It was impossible to reach the high ground on the east side of the flood as the current was swift and timbers, outhouses and other debris made navigation impossible.

Richard Stevens, of this city, sent a folding canvas boat in the track, and the danger of reaching the other side was too slim, and it was not used. John Petrie and several other Plainfielders discovered a rowboat near the depot and brought it down.

The large crowd that occupied the

plaza of the Berkeley Hotel were treated to many an amusing sight by the anxious ones who insisted upon crossing by boat or plank, which had an easy task of throwing about every fourth person into about four feet of water. The laughter that greeted the sight of the boat was so loud that it made everyone in good humor.

Ed. Gilmore, the section boss of the C. & R., with all available men is replacing the tracks in an expeditious manner.

The first photographers to "pull the cloth" was Hastings & Miller, of 113 Nassau street, New York.

Three boats have been working a "cat ferry" across the Main street all morning.

"At the time of going to press the lake was rapidly receding and at two o'clock it is possible to cross the street."

THE FIRE OF 1881.

Bound Brook was Once Before Devastated by Flames.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1881, Bound Brook was visited by a disastrous fire. A spark from a passing locomotive on the Jersey Central railroad set fire to the frame house of James Ramsey, just west of the depot. A brisk southerly wind carried the flames down Main to John street. The post office and a large number of business stores and residences were destroyed. Help from Plainfield, while the fire department was sent, but before the flames were extinguished twenty families were made homeless and two acres of ground were burned over. The Constitution of the Plainfield Fire Club, who were coming from New Brunswick on their machines, saw the smoke and arrived on the scene just in time to save the old Presbyterian church which was the fire station. The club's members found that the roof had caught from falling sparks and that the crowd around were standing stupidly gazing with sorrow on the prospects of the building's annihilation. They succeeded in gaining the interior of the building through a hole in the roof and soon put out the starting fire.

The fire involved a loss of \$80,000.

MAN KILLED AT RARITAN.

Walking along the Track to Find a Place of Safety.

Raritan, N. J., Feb. 7.—Dennis Murphy, of Raritan, was killed on the Jersey Central track at Raritan station last evening. He was unmarried and about 45 years of age. A trackwalker found the remains along the track.

The Raritan canal burst through the banks just above Farmer Look's about one mile west of the town and the water rushed wildly through the yards of the Raritan woolen mills doing considerable damage. A report is in circulation that John Fleming and Walter Long while out shooting muskrats yesterday afternoon in the vicinity where the banks burst, were compelled to climb a tree where both the hunters and muskrats were killed. They succeeded in gaining the interior of the building through a hole in the roof and soon put out the starting fire.

Somerville, N. J., February 7, 1900.—The bridge at Flanders was washed away by the freshet of yesterday. The bridge on the South Branch of the Raritan, was about two feet of the embankment at Neshaug, was taken down the stream. Yesterday afternoon as Robert Shaw, the delivery clerk for N. B. Richardson, was on his way to the bridge, he attempted to cross the Raritan on a small, insignificant stream, the horse and wagon was carried away and lost, while the driver narrowly escaped with his hand but assistance been at hand he would not have lived to tell the experience.

Robert J. Shaw and Daniel Kencarth, of Somerville, attempted to drive over the High street bridge in Somerville. The water had risen above the level of the bridge and swept horse, wagon and occupants overboard. Shaw & Kencarth were rescued, but the horse, which belonged to Grover U. B. Richardson, of Somerville, was drowned and the wagon wrecked.

Owing to the high water, which threatened the furnaces, the American Engine Company's Works shut down for a few days. The water last night threatened the main building and it had to be tied down.

HARRY J. SARGENT DEAD.

A Well Known Theatrical Manager Ends his Career in Poverty.

Word was received in New York city yesterday that Henry J. Sargent, formerly a prominent theatrical manager, had died in Leeds, England, in one of the city institutions for the poor.

Mr. Sargent was well known in this country. He lived on Arlington avenue, opposite the city park, in this city for two years and was well-known by many people here. He first came into prominence as a theatrical manager as the manager of the "Brooks" on her first tour of this country.

He was always conspicuous in his attire, and acquired the sobriquet of "Scarfpin Harry" from the fact that he had a collection of 150 scarfpins.

ON THE SAVANNE RIVER

In exploring Ro's of the First "Riot B. bellion."

Where Sir Garnet Wolseley Did Not Win Laetoli: A Country Where the Mercury Frezes Very Often in Winter.

Special Savanah (Ga.) Letter.

It is doubtful if any place on the American continent is better calculated to impress the spectator with the terrible grandeur of winter than this "halfway house" on the Canadian Pacific railway, between the great Portage and Port Arthur. Its location is on the height of land where the waters divide and flow to their final destination in widely divergent sections of the continent and the terrible northern gales sweep down in unobstructed and terrific force. The brakeman on

is a story and a half in height, has a long crooked neck which starts from the ends as well as the sides of the structure, and contains more room than one could possibly credit it with at first sight.

The big dining-room, in which the overland passengers are seated on very comfortable seats, is a room of room, and other products of the country, is the most pretentious part of the house and is almost ideal in its construction.

When lighted by the flaming pine logs in the fireplace and by tall pipes of iron, the room is a most quaint brass candlesticks; it is a place to inspire the poet and the romancer with fresh visions of the days when the world was the complete reality.

To realize that the dog-carrier is an unknown personage in Savanah, one must take a glimpse at the space behind the station's kitchen, where the entire cuisine portion of the north-west, so it would seem, congregates each morning to fight over the food which the hurried travelers have behind them.

In this howling, yelling and ravening are dogs of every degree, color and shape. From a hasty cursory of the motley aggregation I estimated that every human inhabitant of Savanah must have at least five dogs—with a liberal surplus remaining for distribution among the rising Indian populace on the outskirts. The latter would certainly be able to pass through a five-year famine and not know what it is to go without a bite in the pot. If the dogs which assemble in the rear of the Great kitchen should not make a sudden and discreet impression.

Of standing out from the crowd of the village who lords it over the dogs. It is a half-grown bear cub who guards the door of the Hudson Bay storehouse. There is scarcely a room within the limits of Savanah which has not felt the sting of a blow from Jack's paw. The dogs are everywhere and permanently to sleep through this winter season.

My experience was, in this particular, to visit Lake Ka-pi-si-in-pi-



pram-k and its famous painted robes. This lake is about 60 miles north of the Hudson Bay station. But a good dog team would have me there in two days, and that it would be a most delightful journey. Amuk (The Bear) was the name of the dog team in Savanah, encouraged this pleasant fiction and agreed to make the trip for five dollars. He was engaged and we set out early one morning. A light-weight buckskin-colored dog named Windigo was in the lead, followed by a pair of huskies, one of which was nearly twice his weight. The path breaker started off with an eager step, and his wife was my best friend. I marked him for a favorite. Had I known that Windigo is a chieftain slang for a worthless, shirking, crook. Here we camped for the night and I was blissfully ignorant of the meaning of the word.

The first five miles of the hard snow was a laboring start, and I anticipated the entire journey. Then the sledge began to slacken its speed, and I noticed that the team between Windigo and the next dog were limp. Amuk also recognized this fact, and the lash of his whip snatched at the hind legs of the team, and the sledge began to move again. I heard the descending rattle, and suddenly saw the sledge was moving. The dogs piled upon him, and, as a well-calculated result, the backs of the other dogs caught the lash.

I noticed that the team to unravel the tangle into which Windigo had contrived to knot the traces.

Again we started, and it went well for some miles, when a rabbit suddenly started up from a bush beside the trail. An exultant yell escaped from the dogs, and was taken up by his followers.

The whole pack turned off at right angles and I was rolled out into the snow. When I had picked myself up the dogs were 40 rods away and the sledge was touching the snow only at rare intervals.

Another hour elapsed before we overtook the penitent pack, and again distracted them from the tangled traces. I noticed that the team between Windigo and the next dog were limp. Amuk also recognized this fact, and the lash of his whip snatched at the hind legs of the team, and the sledge began to move again. I heard the descending rattle, and suddenly saw the sledge was moving. The dogs piled upon him, and, as a well-calculated result, the backs of the other dogs caught the lash.

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THEATRICAL.

"The Lady Slavey," opened at the Casino Monday night and is in for a run. Canary & Lederer have observed their policy of princely casting. The group of leading principals they present in the play is already remarkable for extravagant strength. The beauty of the chorus physically and vocally is on a par with all past productions of the firm. Miss Ida Fuller's "fine" in the play, "Slavey," which is introduced in "The Lady Slavey," is a sensational spectacle that entails the unseen assistance of a corps of 15 manipulators of an intricate combination of calcium and electric lights.

The famous Bostonian began the engagement at the Broadway Theatre in New York, yesterday, presenting an elaborate revival of that most successful and brilliant light opera "Robin Hood." Extravagant action is unnecessary in the production of this most perfect organization. For a term of years they have held undisputed sway in the light opera field, and they still remain easily the first. While the mutations of time and place have changed in the personnel of this organization, the infusion of new material is so adroitly affected and the ensemble are so artistically and carefully sustained that the ear of the auditor is not even aware of the production. "Robin Hood" will be done on a most elaborate scale and since it has not been seen in this city for two years, when its remarkable and unprejudiced run at the Casino Theatre was the wonder of the town, there is every reason to believe that its forthcoming presentation will have as great a vogue.

Caught in the Trap.

At various times the questionable methods which the sweat shop News has resorted to to coerce business men to advertise with them have been referred to, and now another instance in this same line has just come to light. At the last meeting of Frank J. Connel, Jr., O. U. A. M., a bill was presented by the sweat shop News for \$75 cents for advertising a News matter some time ago. The committee in charge of such matters knew nothing of the claim and after an investigation no one could be found who had ordered the advertising, and the only way it could be accounted for was the suggestion that some member may have given one of the News reporters the information for a news item and the reporter has taken the liberty to put it in the form of an advertisement, with the hope that it might be overlooked and he would thus increase his revenues. But Mr. Connel was caught in his little trick and the bill was ordered not paid.

Funeral of Ambassador Runyon.
Arrangements have been completed for the funeral of Ambassador Runyon, whose body is now on its way to this country. The funeral will be held in St. Paul's church, Newark, on February 23rd, at 10 o'clock. His two younger daughters will not return from Europe until May. The body will be placed in a receiving vault in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at Newark, until their arrival. The arrangements for the funeral are in charge of Amos Dodd, who is General Runyon's executor, and Franklin Murphy, a member of St. Paul's church and also a close personal friend of the late Ambassador. Mr. Dodd was requested to act by Mrs. Runyon in a cable message.

Joe Miller Indicted.
Twenty indicted saloonkeepers were arraigned before the Union County Court Saturday, charged with selling liquor on Sunday. The court was ever seen in the court room was there to witness the proceedings. Eighteen men and two women were called upon to plead. They were held in \$500 bail each. The trials will begin on February 23rd. Among those indicted was J. B. Miller, one of the proprietors of the Elm House, and formerly of this city.

BASKET BALL.

Among the most enthusiastic basketball players in the Y. M. C. A. are the members of the basketball men's gymnasium class, which meets three times a week. For the last two meetings the members of the class have been divided into the Plainfield and North won the two games almost played, but the city players made a strong fight for victory this afternoon.

Caught in "Tomorrow."
During last week's flood J. Hazlewood, manager of Donnell's, captured six opponents near Jefferson avenue, Dunellen. He has five of them alive at present.

The Greater Flood 83.
Jim Emmons, for raising a disturbance at Music Hall Saturday night, was given his choice by Judge DeMeza between a \$5 fine or fifteen days at Elizabeth.

A Baker Assigns.
Owing to his inability to collect accounts that were outstanding, Henry A. Voehr, the North Plainfield baker, on Saturday made an assignment to Jacob Vochi.

LIBRARY LIBERALLY.

New That Plainfield Has a Library
It should be the property of every citizen to have access to the free public libraries of Massachusetts.

While it contains nothing new to many of our readers, it may, by showing what has been done in that State, lead others of them to appreciate more fully the gift of the late Job Hale and to encourage with vote and money the liberal use of public funds for its support and extension. When one considers these Massachusetts figures, together with the fact that the libraries of some of the greatest minds of the world in the last century, and even before the War of Independence, one feels that Plainfield, in view of its wealth and population, waited long enough for a public library. Certainly we cannot now afford to take a grudging attitude toward an institution which should rank in value with our schools, and should command a support no less liberal and hearty.

Howard Prescott Reynolds.

Presence of Mind Saved a Life.
A peculiar accident occurred Friday evening at the home of Dr. Richards on East Front street. About the time that C. F. Williams, of West Second street, fell upstairs with a lamp, which was recorded in The Daily Press, a lighted lamp on the dining room table at Dr. Richards' home exploded. Mrs. Richards was nearby, and wrapping the lamp up in the table cover, threw it out before any damage resulted. Two accidents of a like nature seldom happen so near together.

Howe Lost His Life.

While driving along the thoroughfare of Grant avenue, Saturday afternoon, the horse attired by the painter's wagon of Ferdinand Smith, of West Front street, met with an accident that caused its death. The horse started on a soft place in the road and sunk in. In struggling to get out, the animal sank deeper and deeper and at last fell over on its side snapping the bones in one leg so that the veterinarian could not save the flesh. The suffering equine had to be shot to end its sufferings.

If You Can't Eat, Hear the Music.

The ladies having in charge the supper in the lecture room of Trinity Reformed church, on Thursday evening, have thought best to charge an admission fee of ten cents to their friends who are unable to take supper and yet desire to hear the musical programme and eat a plate of cream. Therefore if you cannot take supper tonight, you can still enjoy the musical programme by paying ten cents admission.

A Noted Lecturer Coming.

The next lecture in Mrs. Hall's course will take place on Friday afternoon, February 23rd, at Seminary Hall, when Prof. W. A. M. of the Ohio University Extension lecturer, will give a historical lecture on Venice. The hour has been changed from three to half past three, and the tickets for the lecture of the course, placed at fifty cents, for the benefit of teachers and scholars who wish to hear Dr. Shaw.

"Clyde Line."

Through from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., without change. Time from two to three days, including half-day's stop in the old, historic city of Charleston, S. C. Elegant, new, fast, steel steamships. finest on the Atlantic Coast. A trip by the "Clyde Line" is a combination of safety, comfort and pleasure. Write "Clyde Line," New York, for descriptive matter, mailed free.

Through Changes.

Mr. Love of Duer street, has purchased of A. I. Cook, Jr., the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders are now in session. The estimated loss to bridges of the county by the flood of last week is about \$75,000. The work of rebuilding and repairing the bridges will begin immediately. The most costly one that was totally destroyed, that is, the one that will cost the most to replace, is south of Somerville over the Raritan river, and known as the Veghte bridge. At Neshaune there is considerable loss. Two new bridges will have to be built and a large amount of filling must be done, as many yards of the bank was washed away. There is more or less loss sustained by highways near approaches to bridges that will necessarily entail high expense. The county will be a large sufferer by the flood and \$75,000 is a fair estimate of its loss.

A Great Opportunity.

Ten cents per line will be charged by the Leader for obituary notices for all business men who do not advertise while living. Delinquent subscribers will be charged five cents. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive as good a sendoff as can be made, to top of column, next to reading matter, without any other consideration. Send in your advertisements and subscriptions, as the grip is abroad in the land. Omit doing so and you do your heirs and estate a manifest injustice. Westfield Leader.

AUCTIONEER WITH DIAMONDS.

George O. Stevens Does Good Business For Himself, Thanks To
The Guild of the Church of the Redeemer conducted a very successful parcel sale at Dr. Johnston's school rooms on Prospect place Tuesday. The rooms were well filled with the members and their friends, who did quickly on the articles for sale. Each person present brought parcels and there were about 150 in all.

George O. Stevens made a fine auctioneer, and an assortment of diamonds, jewelry, and other goods, were sold. One pound, added very much to his position. Albert Sprowl was his clerk. The prices obtained ranged from 60 cents to \$120, but the purchaser did not know he had until reaching home. The proceeds, which were between \$75 and \$100, will be placed in the building fund.

The president of the Guild, Mrs. A. E. Faber, Jr., was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Clara Brewer, Miss Emily Thompson, Miss Edith Clapp and Miss Florence Pond. The affair was entirely successful, and a similar entertainment will be held in the near future.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mrs. and W. C. Stanbery, of Scotch Plains, Married Fifty Years.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stanbery, of Scotch Plains, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday at the home of their son, W. R. Stanbery, where they were assisted by his wife and son. It was the intention of celebrating the event with a large gathering of relatives and friends, but owing to the death of Mrs. Stanbery's brother, Ambassador Theodore Runyon, the festivities were abandoned, and nothing but a quiet family dinner marked the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanbery were married in the house on West Front street, opposite the First Baptist church, on Feb. 10th, 1844. Mrs. Stanbery is in rather feeble health, and has been under the physician's care for some time. Mr. Stanbery, however, is in the best of health, and is almost a daily visitor to this city, where he is a member of the Asbestos Club.

A singular incident of the celebration is the fact that the fifth wedding anniversary of their son, W. R. Stanbery, also occurs on the same date that his parents' fiftieth takes place.

OVERDOING CHARITY.

For People Realize How They En

Andrew Carnegie in his speech donating the Pittsburgh Library said that out of every thousand dollars given to charity nine hundred is given in such a way as to defeat the very object for which it is given. Proud and liberal aims giving promotes mendacity. The well-meaning efforts of the early Christians in the care of the poor almost resulted in national bankruptcy. In Italy, Spain, England and other countries, where institutions for the care of the poor were under the care of the church, the prosperity of the nation was corrupted. Billed as a pernicious saving device, habits of improvidence among the poorer classes; industrial energy was paralyzed, and as the historian has said: "The poverty retired was insignificant compared with the property produced." During modern times, and especially in our own country, charity has become a civil and economic question. It is treated as a business.

The Organized Aid Association, working in close cooperation with the Helms Associations and with the aid committees of the various churches, aims to see that the largest amount of want is relieved with the smallest possible expenditure of money; that the need is not duplicated; that the cases of poverty and want are removed as fast as possible, and that the professional beggar is driven to work or is cast out of the community.

SOMERSET'S LOSS, \$75,000.

That is the Estimated Damage Done By the Flood Last Week.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

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A high liver with a torpid liver will not be a long liver. Correct that liver with Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters, little pills that cure dyspepsia and constipation. L. W. Randolph, 143 W. Front St.

Hands Off.
Why try to press back a side ache with your hand, as so many do, when an **Allcock's Porous Plaster** will not only relieve the pain but prevent its return. The best remedy known for weak back, strains, sprains, lameness and all local pains.

Alcock's Corn Shields, Alcock's Bunion Shields, Have as good a merit and cure for corns and bunions.

Brandreth's Pills.
A safe and sure remedy for diseases arising from impurity of the blood.

VARIOUS SPORTS.

The Hunters Arms Co., of Fulton, N. Y., have combined their gun and bicycle business at their New York store, 30 Broadway, from which the firm will soon remove to more commodious quarters in the same locality, as they find their present store wholly inadequate to meet the demands of their largely increased business.

The New York branch will be under the management of C. E. Teel of Plainfield, N. J., who is a well known figure to wheelmen in the metropolitan district. In addition to his position as manager of the New York branch, Mr. Teel will also act in the capacity of superintendent of agencies—Sporting Life.

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