

# THE DELUGE.

1st Flood in History in the Vicinity of Boulder.

Wns Were Ruined by the Terrible Rush of Water.

Houses Swept Away and Carried Before The Angry Stream.

Flat Invaded by the Flood and Families Are Driven Out.

Night Scores of People Were Dependent on the More Fortunate Ones.

Man and Copper Rocks Were Both Washed Away by the Soothing Floods.

Thriving Town of Lyons Reported as Being Almost Ruined by the Raging Waters.

A Million Dollars Damage—Fears Entertained for the Safety of Miners in the Hills.

**By The News.**  
**Boulder, Colo., June 1.**—Thursday morning Boulder creek, a stream thirty miles wide was a raging river 500 yards wide as it passed through Boulder and over railroads, streets and through carrying destruction in its path. A bridge was swept away and some railway bridges went. In Boulder everything was swept away. The road track for twelve miles to Sunset completely wrecked. Hundreds of families in Poverty Flats are rendered homeless. Relief parties were all day saving men and children by horses and ropes. Hundreds of houses were swept away. All the rescued have been taken to homes of residents on the high land south side, which is entirely cut off. Houses were swept down the stream and lots were washed away and gar-

destroyed. The depot is in the middle of a lake. But now the water is going. The danger is now past, but the flats are filled with the wreckage of the

man, consisting of Holtz's store and other houses, is gone.

people of Sugar Loaf are homeless and the mill houses are gone.

Rockville and Glendale some of the houses are gone, but the Prussian was

houses on Left Hand have been swept

## Jimtown Under Water.

Jimtown, the famous mining camp, is a complete wreck. The stream took the street of the town and every house on the north side of it was swept away. Magdale, a beautiful little watering place was wrecked.

Under creek at Valmont is a mile wide. The farms of the vicinity are submerged.

Superintendent McCormack of the Gulf and is here and will crib the bridge across the creek.

Two hundred feet of bridges and embankments are washed out at Marshall. Men have been sent out to repair the damage.

## Heavy Losses.

Mr. Cowie estimates the loss in the valley at \$300,000. This is conservative. Railroad loss must be about \$150,000, and bridges, \$100,000, toll roads, \$100,000, Boulder houses, real estate and farms, \$100,000. Farms, \$100,000. Mills and houses in the mountains, \$50,000.

Losers of houses and homes in the valley are Mrs. C. S. Chase, Norman S. J. Thorne, Thomas Manford, J. Allencroft, T. C. Johnson, Henry

son, Mrs. Amick, Mr. Gruley, Edward, John S. Mulford. Four houses

washed away by the Union Pacific Denver and North Platte and Mr. Wilson. These are the losses.

The Seventh Day Baptist church was destroyed and the property of P. J. Hicker and E. J. Perrin on the north side, is in imminent danger.

Fifteenth street on the north side, from Twelfth street on the south side, a grey house in the valley has been swept away or flooded and virtually ruined.

Losses cannot be obtained of losers in the Poverty Flats. Each family had its cows and chickens; their main property. They are all gone. Their furniture and carpets remain in the houses, under an ocean, happily receding in an hour.

Mr. Weisenhorn had a 200-foot lot on the south side. It has gone to enrich the farms below.

Wilson owned 140 feet frontage on the north street. All but twenty feet have been washed away and his pretty garden with it. His house was moved. Barns by the dozen were washed down the stream.

**Three Dead Bodies.**  
was reported by a lady just from the valley that three bodies were seen floating down the stream at that place. The miners are supposed to have been killed.

Mr. Smith, on his island, has gone. To-night he was seen to kneel in a praying attitude for an hour, as if it were the day he was born. Later

was taken into custody by Sheriff. He is a well-to-do citizen, who says he is responsible for the flood. He occupied his home in the midst of the flood without food, since Wednesday night, refusing all attempts at rescue.

Mr. E. Hubbard with four horses was managed to get his family to the south side Thursday night. His eleven green houses have perished.

Most of the homes at Jamestown are gone. Brown, Paul Gebhardt, Walt

Mr. Albertson, Mrs. Hempstead, Hogg, Ed Dubois, Jack Virden, W. Bennett, Sam Lively, Richardson's

smith shop, the church, Griff Evans, J. Lloyd & Co., and Faurres' store and other buildings, went also.

Most of the homes of Ira F. Monahan, Seymour, Thad Adams and M. E. were destroyed.

**Tremendous Landslide.**  
Bridges and trolleys have been washed across Boulder creek at this place. Only the citizens of the south side, who are entirely a resident quarter, was able to get any stores or supplies, save those

obtained by the brewery, have obtained food to eat.

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### A Perfect Stream.

The heaviest part of the stream of Boulder creek is now running down through the heart of the town along the Beasley ditch.

Greater damage is being done today than yesterday. Water Commissioner Vandercook examined the water pipes of the Boulder water supply and reports them to be in bad shape. He says eleven lengths of 16-inch pipe are entirely gone and about a dozen are unjointed. It will take a month to repair the waterworks.

### Damage at Lyons.

Sheriff Dyer of Boulder county returned today from Lyons, where he went before the flood. He reports the condition there and in St. Vrain valley as bad as in Boulder valley. The lower part of Lyons is entirely washed away. The toll road between Lyons and Jamestown is wiped out. The heaviest loser in Lyons is Mr. Hubbell; a livermore has lost a town head of horses and a valuable barn. Standing on a mountain overlooking the valley of St. Vrain the valley presented the appearance of a region three miles in width under water. Sheriff Dyer returned to Boulder by way of Red Hill. That little stream is swollen to a half mile in width.

At the Swede schoolhouse the farms are under water and covered many feet with debris and sand.

At Boulder the water is rising, owing probably to rains in the mountains this afternoon. The city has employed a large force this afternoon to blow up the debris with dynamite, hoping to change the channel of the stream to the old channel of the creek.

### Aid for Sufferers.

Mrs. Sobrino and Paul Steeving, who came to give the commencement concert here Wednesday night, started for Denver this afternoon in a wagon, but were obliged to return. They very generously tendered a concert here to night, at which all the proceeds were given to sufferers from the flood. A meeting called by Mayor Cowie, was held at the district court room, for the purpose of taking some action for the benefit of the sufferers. It was largely attended and active measures for relief were inaugurated.

### GREAT DAMAGE.

#### The Loss Around Morrison Will Be Seventy Thousand Dollars.

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.**  
MORRISON, Colo., June 1.—The damage to Morrison and vicinity by the flood has been enormous, and it is being added to every hour. The rain has ceased but the creek is still very high, the strong current eating into the roads and railroad embankment. The wires were down last night and no communication with the outside world could be had. During Wednesday night the families of H. Dale, Mose Miller and Frank Adams had to abandon their homes as they were entirely surrounded by the rapidly rising water. There is only one wagon bridge on Bear creek for a distance of twenty miles, and it is near the creamery. The wagon road between the town and the creamery is almost entirely washed out as is also a large portion of the quarry track about it. The foot bridge to the school house is still standing. Jefferson county and the railroad company are the heaviest losers but the individual damage has been very large, in some instances, especially on the ranches below town.

In Morrison proper it is estimated at nearly \$20,000 divided as follows: Jefferson county, \$12,000; Union Pacific Railway company, \$5,000; individuals, about \$3,000.

In the Bear Creek district between the Platte river and Evergreen it will reach fully \$50,000.

At the Littleton ranch, about a mile below town, the barn was washed away, together with a new buggy, mowing machine, hay rake and a large stock of hay.

The water got so high in Ed Lagrow's house, in the lower part of town, that it was found necessary to move his wife.

Gardens and yards are almost entirely destroyed in many places. There has been no mail since Wednesday evening, not even a daily paper. Railroad men say they will be in luck to get a train here by Tuesday.

### WATER BOUND.

#### The Storm and Flood at Idaho Springs the Worst on Record.

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.**  
IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo., June 1.—The storm ceased last night after giving forty-eight hours of steady rain. Although an immense amount of damage has been done on all the streams and gulches, Soda creek seems to have suffered most. The stream, ordinarily an innocent little mountain brook, became a raging torrent of watery earth and boulders, sweeping everything before it and tearing out the banks on first one side and then the other. Residences were washed away and what was once a beautiful town or a promising garden, was piled high with boulders and debris. The tower on the famous castle, built by Governor Bryan

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Recks weighing ten tons struck and crushed the house into a shapeless mass. Five hundred yards of mountain had become a huge gorge, the land roaring and rolling into the creek.

### An Awful Sight.

Mr. Calvert, Mr. Callahan and others hurried to the scene and there saw a sight that beggars description. In the heap of crushed house, outhouses, wagons and stock they found Mrs. Merriman, waist deep in dirt, clinging to one baby. Beside them lay a dog crushed out of all semblance to a dog, while Mr. Merriman, with another baby lay in debris uninjured. Not a scratch was found upon any of their persons, while ruin lay spread around them in all directions.

Burt Langridge is down from Ward and says that not a mine in that camp is working, save double shifts on the pumps. Every mine is filled to the brim and it must be many days before any in that section can work. He says the camps of Sunset and Copper Rock are absolutely wrecked, not a building being left, and the roads and railroad track piled into wreckage.

### Will Have to Vote Bonds.

Hon. Fred Kohler, chairman of the board of commissioners, came to town this morning across the Sternberg bridge at Twenty-first street. He says that bonds must be voted to put roads in passable condition. The iron bridges at Ross Howard's and Jim King's places have been saved, but the strong bridge west of D. K. Sternberg's place has gone.

Mr. A. Durward, who is over from Valmont, says the bridges between Boulder and that place on the north road are saved. He says the loss to the farmers has been tremendous. The stream is a mile wide this side of Valmont. Mr. Durward was baling his hay and is a heavy loser.

### Losses on Left Hand.

The following from left hand at Glen and vicinity may be of interest.

The loss of property here, as far as could be learned, is as follows:

Charles Reardon, house and stable; David O'Neil, place and house; S. Verlaire, house; Mrs. Urle, stables and outbuildings; General Niles, superintendent of the Gold Nugget, house and stables; the Nugget pump is held by cables; Mrs. Hemingway, house, D. S. Coffman and S. V. Coffman lost their houses; William Hertha lost the dump and track from his tunnel. Several houses and outbuildings came down the creek from above.

Relief for the south side of the city was made this afternoon by a hanging bridge or ferry having a box into which provisions and two persons at a time would be pulled over by persons on either side. J. J. Willis, who had a woodyard near McAllister Lumber company's yard lost his saws, machinery, wood, etc., which were valued at \$600.

At Berthoud, Colo., great damage was done by flooding from the big ditch. Several families are homeless there.

Venturesome persons crossed over the high bridge up near Boyd today, although it was swinging in the air for about 250 feet. Several were arrested for doing so.

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some years ago, crumbled and fell Wednesday night and the foundation of the whole structure was in danger to-day.

About 500 feet of the railroad track in Sunnyside was washed out. Three hundred feet of the flume which supplied the reservoir was destroyed. The tender of engine No. 107, stuck at the mouth of Virginia canon, was dug out and was put on the track this morning. Snow is reported on the mountains, from eighteen inches to two feet deep, and when this melts and comes down the flood is liable to be worse than ever. Eight passengers who came up on Tuesday morning's train started afoot for Denver this morning. There were three ladies in the party. No trains can possibly be run for three or four days.

## SWEPT BY WATER.

### The Arkansas Swelled to Several Times Its Natural Size.

Special to The News.

FLORENCE, Colo., June 1.—One of the most disastrous floods that has ever visited the Arkansas valley has been witnessed the past three days from a point five miles east of this city extending to and east of Colorado Springs. Destruction begins at Hardscrabble creek. Here the river by the unusual flood which came down that stream with the freshet, which came down Coal creek and Chandler creek, swelled the turbulent Arkansas river to many times its usual size, the water being from twelve to fifteen feet above low water stage. Those who have been east along the stream for twelve miles, report a vast amount of destruction to railroads and farm property, the railway companies, Denver and Rio Grande and Santa Fe, suffer many thousands of dollars in the loss of bridges and track washed away, two long pile and trestle bridges over Hardscrabble were washed out on Wednesday evening.

The Rio Grande worked all day yesterday at replacing its bridge, when another was equally as large as the first one destroyed all its work which was done over again to-day, and to-night a new bridge is about ready to pass over, but this is the smallest part of the railroad troubles.

More than half a mile of track is gone at various places between this place and Pueblo, where the river has cut into the land and undermined the railroad, where it was built high above the water. The riprapping was washed away by the swift current, and when that was gone, the soft earth soon melted and went away with the flood. In many places the road bed has been cut out and the main channel of the river is occupying it. Owing to the continued high stage of water the only thing that the railroad company can do is to build a new track around most of these places and take up the old track when the stream abates the first of July. The Rio Grande and Santa Fe will sustain loss of at least \$250,000, and the ranchmen along the river \$10,000 to \$15,000. All irrigating ditches are greatly damaged in many places, being entirely obliterated. Fields of corn and alfalfa and garden truck have been laid waste, together with the many changes which

have taken place in the river channel, makes the ranchmen's condition a burdensome one.

The belated Rio Grande passenger train which sidetracked at Carlisle Springs on Wednesday afternoon, having procured from a lone ranchman all the provisions they could spare, ran up to Beaver station Thursday morning, where they might obtain additional supplies, but the flood began to cut into the land and to escape being swamped in the river, it was backed again to Carlisle, and to-day the track below Beaver station is in the midst of a raging torrent. A short distance below the Beaver washout is another one and so it is reported all the way to Pueblo.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad company is not promising any trains before Monday. It is working large forces at both ends of the line, but cannot get to a dozen places between the two forces. The railroad company to-day transferred all passengers from the belated train at Carlisle to this point and to Pueblo.

A party of Eastern physicians on their way to San Francisco to attend the national convention were brought here by conveyances, and at 11 p. m. to-night the company will provide a train and send them West. The M. Ds. voted the D. & R. G. a vote of thanks at the Junction house this afternoon.

## CENTRAL CUT-OFF.

### Roads Washed Out—Great Damage Everywhere.

Special to The News.

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., June 1. A rain-fall set in Tuesday and kept up for forty-eight hours, ending last night. The principal mines of the county with but few exceptions are under water and many miners have been laid off owing to that fact. Communication by rail has been cut off since Wednesday morning. The high water of yesterday did a large amount of damage to the track of the Colorado Central railroad between this city and Black Hawk, and on down to Forks of the Creek. No mail has been received here from the East since Wednesday. The roads leading to the valley are badly washed out, and it is with great difficulty that Golden is reached by conveyances. But few of the mills in Black Hawk are running, several of them being damaged by the high water in North Clear creek. The road leading down Virginia canon to Idaho Springs is washed out. In short, the steady rain Wednesday and Thursday has been the cause of much damage throughout the country. No trains are expected to arrive here before Sunday or Monday. Present indications are that another rainfall will set in. Should this occur there is no telling what amount of damage will be entailed west of the city. Snow fell to the depth of twelve inches yesterday.

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### SEVEN FEET OF SNOW.

#### Pike's Peak Covered with the Fleecy —The Booming Manitou Streams.

Special to The News.

MANITOU, Colo., June 1.—In the afternoon of Tuesday it began snowing on top of Pike's peak and continued uninterruptedly for forty-eight hours. The records of the government signal service officers show seven feet of snow. They say it is the worst storm that has been recorded since the government signal service was re-established on the peak over two years ago. The heavens cleared to-night for the first time since Tuesday and the peak looks beautiful with its mantle of snow. The flood down Williams canon dwindled down to a small stream this afternoon, but the Ruxton and Fountain, fed by the rain and snow of the mountains, are still high. People are moving out of houses along the Fountain in Ute pass. Last night the channel of the Fountain changed back of the Mansions and rushed full upon the Grace Greenwood cottage, knocking out its foundations and spilling it over all awry into the stream. J. H. Niles, the occupant, was rescued by Alderman Atto on horseback.

### WATERLESS LOVELAND.

#### Destruction of Home Supply Ditch Dam and Consequent Losses.

Special to The News.

LOVELAND, Colo., June 1.—The rain of yesterday, which washed out the Home Supply dam, was the most severe ever experienced in this section. The dam was built in 1880, and was one of the best constructed in the state. Its destruction will deprive fully half of the farming land between the Big and Little Thompsons of the water necessary to raise this year's crops and lay waste for that time a portion of the finest wheat land of the West. An attempt will be made to secure some water from the Handy ditch, which lies above the Home Supply.

As Loveland's water works are supplied by a pipe line from this dam, the town must depend on the ditches until another connection can be made from the pipe to the river.

The rain was very heavy, but resulted in little other damage. At 12 to-night rain is again falling.

### WATER GOING DOWN.

#### Only Two Were Drowned at Pueblo as a Result of the Flood.

Special to The News.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 1.—So far as can be definitely learned the loss of life by the flood of Wednesday night is not more than two, the reported finding of another body east of the city having been found this morning to be untrue. Fully two carloads of clothing were left at the city hall to-day and the garments were distributed to some 300 people. Citizens and the municipal author-

ities have taken the matter in hand and no one in need will suffer.

The young man who was drowned near the Union Pacific depot has been identified as Joseph Scorafio, an unmarried smelter laborer. The river has fallen on to the height usual at this period of the year and trenches are carrying off the water from the flooded district.

### SLOWLY RISING.

#### The Arkansas River Coming Up at Lamar.

Special to The News.

LAMAR, Colo., June 1.—Throughout the day the Arkansas river has been slowly rising, and to-night the bottoms south of the river and the main road from the bridge to Lamar are under several feet of water. The great pressure of water and drift on the bridge weakened the structure and about fifty feet of the north end went out at noon. The rest of the bridge will probably stand, as the river is wide at this point and the banks are lower, so that the water will not reach a higher stage. The man in charge at the headgate of the Amity canal reports that he saw the body of a man going down with the flood, but as the workmen at the bridge saw nothing of it, he may have been mistaken. The headwaters of the Manvell and Hyde ditches have been washed out and the ditches damaged considerably. Trains are tied up here on account of the Santa Fe tracks, sixteen miles west of here which run near the river, being submerged. About 3,000 feet of track is under water and washing out.

### The Booming Platte.

Special to The News.

BRIGHTON, Colo., June 1.—The river at this point has been gradually rising all day and is now one to six feet deep all over the lower lands. No bridges have been entirely taken, but all are more or less damaged, and communication with the west side is impossible. Another big flood is reported on the way down. Thousands of acres of crops are ruined. It is probable that the waters will cut out new channels in many places. The high water has stopped all control of irrigating ditches taken from the Platte, and they, too, are bursting out and flooding the higher lands.

### To Repair the Damage.

Special to The News.

SALIDA, Colo., June 1.—The Denver and Rio Grande company inaugurated great preparations to-day to repair the damage done to bridges and roadbed between Florence and Pueblo. This forenoon the information was received that it will be impossible to raise the blockade without more new work than was at first contemplated.

### Heavy Storm.

Special to The News.

SILVER CLIFF, Colo., June 1.—Custer county has received a generous rainfall during the past forty hours, and the rain is still coming. It is the best wetting-down the soil has known for two years, and there is a general rejoicing among the ranchmen. The telegraph wires to Canon were downed by the storm.

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