

## ABOUT THE CITY.

### The Appearance of Things After the Storm.

As soon as the rain had abated somewhat hundreds of citizens, some attired in gum coats, gum boots, and covered by umbrellas, started out to look at the streets and ascertain what damage had been done. Up town Twelfth street seemed to be the principal point of interest, and even while the flood was at its height many people braved the elements to get a look at the roaring, raging rapids, which never looked wilder nor came down with more force. The street for a good distance down was full from house to house, except where the pavement was high enough to throw the water off. A great many cellars were filled with water, and washing down to the corner of Market street it literally swept everything that came before it, and hundreds of tin cans, bowlders, boxes, &c., &c. came bowling merrily down on the stream.

At McLain's corner the confectionery stand run by the man from Greece, was almost swept from its bearings, and the proprietor was compelled to sit upon it to prevent it from sailing away, and as the water wouldn't mix with the Greece, he succeeded well with little or no loss. The water rushed above the stone step on the Market street side of McLain's drug store and poured through on to the floor, but several employes kept the water from flooding things by sweeping it out of the Twelfth street door. The cellar was pretty well filled, but the damage did not amount to much.

From that point down, several cellars were pretty well filled, and the Western Union Telegraph office floor was covered with a foot or a foot and a half of water. Notwithstanding the force of the water on Twelfth street, the actual damage did not amount to much.

Along down Main street from Twelfth to Sixteenth, the street was full from curb to curb, and a thick layer of mud was left all over it. Among those who suffered along the street were Zarnitz & Bros, produce dealers, who had quite a large amount of green stuff in their cellar, a greater part of which was destroyed. The water was several inches deep on the floors along there.

Muhn & Brandfaes lost quite an amount of tobacco which was stored in their cellar, while some damage was done in John S. Sells' paper store, next door. The cellars of Bremer & Schaefer, John L. Smith & Co., F. H. Larga, Joseph Spiedel, Hubbard & Paull and other business houses were partly filled with water, but the damage was not extensive. However, there was a lot of lime in Spiedel & Co's cellar, which almost caused a conflagration when it became wet. Down near Sixteenth street, the floor of Foese's cigar store, and several other rooms in that block were covered with water, Mr. Foese meeting with the greatest loss, as he had tobacco stored in his cellar.

On Market street, from Twelfth down to Sixteenth, the street was also full of water, and several cellars were filled, but as the stream kept pretty well within the curbs, although it carried stones, mud and everything else along with it, leaving all sorts of debris, especially tin cans, scattered along the street.

A man attired in a gum coat and boots attempted to cross Fourteenth and Market streets, from Pollock's corner to Conner & Suedeker's store, and the force of the current down Fourteenth street was such that the water striking him, surged clear above his head and almost threw him from his feet. He made a wild rush for the pavement and sunk to his ears in a sewer from which he was extricated with difficulty. Had the sewer been one of the old-fashioned ones, he would have been drowned.

The force of the water down Fourteenth street was almost as great as it was down Twelfth, and stones and gravel were deposited at every street crossing it. Upon Eleventh street and all along the hill the scene was terrific as the water rushed madly down the hillside, carrying big rocks and rubbish with it. Up in Buena Vista district, along Charles and High streets, the washout of the streets was pretty bad, but no property was injured.

On the south side of the creek, outside of the Caldwell run district, there was not much damage to speak of, although some of the streets were pretty badly washed and were covered with mud and debris. The rush of water and drift against the B. & O. bridge and the Ohio River road trestling at Caldwell's run was terrific, and it looked very much as if both would wash away. A heavy Mogue engine was run out onto the B. & O. bridge to hold it down, and a barricade of cinder protected the Ohio River road trestling. So much was it protected indeed that the debris piled up against it higher than the track, and the space between the two roads was literally jammed with the wreck of houses, trees, brushwood, etc., etc. This caused a stoppage of the water, and had the Ohio River trestle held out much longer the whole of the district known as Caldwell's field would have been flooded and numerous houses carried away. But as the water commenced to back up, there was a sudden crash and a number of the trestle timbers were snapped in twain like pipe stems. With a rush and roar the greater part of the debris and water swept out into the river. The remainder of the trestling stood the immense strain in splendid shape and the track was not swept away.

After the B. & O. bridge across the creek had swept away the passenger depot began to get a little shaky and a whole train load of cars was run out upon it to hold it down. But the middle pier soon sank about a foot, and the train was pulled off and at last accounts the depot was in pretty bad shape.

About midnight a telephone message was received at this office from Coroner Schulze stating that he had been called to the lower end of the city to see a corpse, encased in a coffin, that had been caught floating in the river at that point. It is supposed that the coffin was washed out of Mt. Zion cemetery out the run, as it was reported that several graves had been washed out there. It was also stated that several coffins in a very dilapidated condition were washed out of the old city cemetery, on Twenty-third street, and swept down to the river, the bones being scattered around promiscuously.

There were hundreds of incidents, however, that occurred, the details of which could not be ascertained last evening, but may come to light later. The town was excited from one end to the other, and at a late hour last night citizens were still out looking around. The damage in the Eighth ward amounted to almost nothing.

### ON THE ISLAND.

The storm did considerable damage in flooding cellars, corn fields, gardens and vegetation generally. The wind too did its work on shade trees and the growing corn. Charles Lukens suffered some loss in the flooding of the cellar under his grocery. The sewers generally were inadequate to carry off the vast volume of water that fell and in consequence the streets, yards and lots contained everywhere from one to three feet of water, according to location. South York street and around all that locality was covered with from two to three feet. The base ball grounds, and Fair grounds were vast lakes. Williams the druggist, and Mr. Charles Lukens whose cellars were flooded, will lose from \$200 to \$300.

During the storm the natural gas supply suddenly failed, and people who were using cooking stoves were compelled to burn coal or do without fire. The gas pipe was broken some place east of the city, perhaps at Elm Grove, and it was badly exposed at numerous points.