

WATER IS RECEDING

Flood Reached Height at Five O'clock and Has Dropped Many Inches.

DAMAGE HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT \$100,000

Impossible to Figure Loss at Present—Business Houses and Homes Flooded.

WILL LAST DAYS YET

Jan 27 1904

The flood, which has proven the greatest ever experienced in Findlay, reached its height at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, and since then the water has been slowly descending. All day yesterday the water continued to rise and great damage was done to property along the water front of the city. It has been almost impossible to get out of the city on railroads.

It is utterly impossible to estimate the amount of damage done by the high waters in the last two days. Conservative business men have stated that it would not be less than \$100,000 and many have placed the sum higher.

Stores on North Main street, houses in all parts of the city and much other valuable property has been inundated and much has been carried away by the flood.

While the danger from the raging waters is not entirely passed, it is greatly lessened and the bridges in the city will probably be uninjured. The ice, thousands of tons of it, still remains firmly anchored at the water works dam and it is now thought that all danger from it has been passed. An examination of the condition of affairs at the dam last night revealed nothing more serious than has been hanging over the city for two days.

At the height of the flood a stream of water, three feet deep and many feet wide, was running down

Meek's avenue, Briggs avenue, East Center street, North Cory street and others were inundated and many families compelled to move out. South of the river on the West Side, Findlay, Marshall, Broad and other streets, were covered with water to a great depth.

At its highest point the Blanchard river came within eight inches of the floor of the Main street bridge and covered the Cory street structure. The water on North Main street lapped the pavement within a few feet of the bridge and nearly all day yesterday that structure was thought unsafe. It was closed to traffic and part of the flooring was taken up. Many men were at work there all day dislodging ice and driftwood which caught on the stringers, to prevent a gorge which would be certain to carry the bridge with it when it moved.

A large gorge formed at the Broad street bridge and under orders from Mayor Metcalf, blasts were sent off there from time to time to break the dangerous formation.

Yesterday Eagle creek rose several feet and the water overflowed many portions of East Findlay as well as west of the stream. For a long time every foot of the T. & O. C. track between the bridge and the Tangent Line crossing was covered with several feet of water and it is feared that the roadbed is washed away in several places. The T. & O. C. continued their passenger service yesterday, using the Tangent Line and Lake Erie tracks between North and South Findlay. The Lake Erie passenger station was used.

Trains were stopped entirely on the Big Four railroad by the waters which covered the tracks from the depot to the outskirts of the city. The bridge over Eagle creek was submerged in several feet of water. An effort may be made to resume traffic this afternoon.

All bridges over Eagle creek stood the pressure yesterday and they are now deemed safe although the ice gorge still remains back of the trestle work bearing the siding to Kirk's mill.

In the western limits of the city Broad street, which runs parallel to the river, was covered with several feet of water and several funerals were postponed on account of inability to reach Maple Grove cemetery.

The C. H. & D. track and trestle work, from the Holminger slaughter house to the freight depot on North Cory street, were submerged and for the first time in its history

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Tangent Line E senger Train Cars in I

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A special received fr last night reveals a m our sister city on the the whole town was de ing less than fifty hem