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YOUR MONEY IS SAFE.

The flood is subsiding and you are taking inventory of what is left of your worldly stores and figuring the loss. Possibly you have money in this bank. Very good. That money will now come "powerful handy." It is at your disposal if you need it.

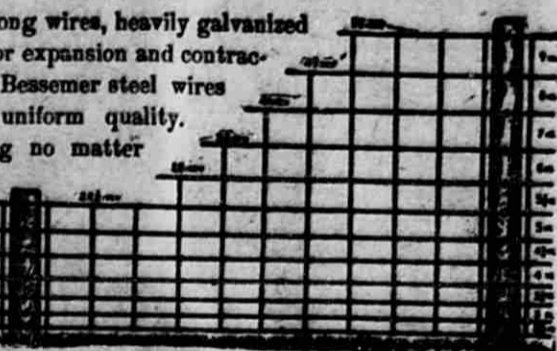
Do Not Forget.

Misfortune and adversity is liable to overtake you again. Every individual should lay aside a snug little sum against such possibilities. The safest and surest way is to open and run a savings account with this Bank. Now is the time to start the account.

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RECORD BREAKING FLOOD

LOSSES REACH FAR INTO THE THOUSANDS.

RALPH NORMAN DROWNED ON HUSTON FARM.

SCORES OF FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM HOME.

NARROW ESCAPES. HORSE DROWNED.

INDIVIDUAL LOSERS—NAMES OF THE EXILES—SIGHTS—INCIDENTS—DRIFTWOOD NOTES.



Main Street, Looking East From Flat River Bridge.

The worst flood in the history of Lowell has been experienced since our last issue; all former high-water records having been eclipsed by at least two feet, and scores of families driven from their homes with water, in many cases reaching the middle window sash, or half-way to the ceiling of the ground-floor rooms. Business men have been driven from their factories, shops and stores, after placing movable property above what was supposed to be high-water mark, while others have remained on guard for from twenty-four to thirty-six hours at a stretch, shoving valuables higher and higher as the greedy waters rose hour by hour and inch by inch.

Three Narrow Escapes.

Two nearly fatal accidents occurred near D. G. Look's residence Friday afternoon. James Green and Mrs. Geo. Batey were driving south in a single buggy, when the horse became unmanageable, the buggy overturned and the occupants thrown into the deep and powerful current. Mrs. Batey clung to the fence and was rescued in an exhausted condition half an hour later. Mr. Green and the horse escaped serious injury; and Tuesday we learned that all were recovering from the shock.

John Howard, who drove over the same road later was not so fortunate, as he lost his horse in the same locality, where he was over-



Main Street, Looking West From the Methodist Church.

Drowning of Ralph Norman.

On Monday occurred the drowning of Ralph Norman of West Lafayette, Ohio, who has been employed in the construction gang on the new Pere Marquette steel bridge. Norman was in a boat with Fred Jacobi and James Elliott, when all three were thrown into the water on the flats north of lower Grand River bridge, and clinging to the boat were drifted over the W. R. Huston farm. Norman lost his hold and sank in seven or eight feet of water. His body was recovered Tuesday morning. A coroner's inquest over the body was held before Justice Perry Tuesday afternoon at H. W. Hakes' underling rooms. The jurors were Isaac Wood, Lewis Morse, Wallace Lang, Ransom Vaughan, Orren Ford, Chester Leary. The verdict was that "Said Ralph Norman came to his death on the afternoon of Monday, March 28, 1904, at about three o'clock p. m., of said day, in Grand river overflow within the township of Lowell, by drowning, by and from the accidental upsetting of a row-boat in which said Ralph Norman with Jas. Elliot was rowed by Fred Jacobi."

Norman was a single man, about 21 years old. His father, Thomas J. Norman, and cousin, Henry O. Norman, came from West Lafayette yesterday to take the body back home where funeral will be held Friday. The relatives are grateful to the people of Lowell for kind attentions.

turned and his horse thrown into the water. Howard made desperate but unavailing efforts to hold the animal's head above water; but was himself nearly overcome when rescued by citizen volunteers.

Will Pullen had a narrow squeak while trying to save a cow. He got into the icy water to his shoulders, in the vicinity of C. G. Stone's house; and when nearly overcome with the cold and feeling his senses going, called for help. Boatmen helped him out.

Grand River Bridge.

The wooden section of the Pere Marquette bridge carried away lodged against lower Grand river bridge at 5 o'clock Saturday night. Since that time a about fifteen men have been trying to pull the old bridge apart to relieve the strain upon the steel bridge. Though they have succeeded in removing a portion of it and reducing the pressure somewhat, we are informed this (Wednesday) morning that the middle pier has been considerably damaged and that the whole bridge is out of true. No teams are permitted to cross. This bridge cost Lowell township about \$22,000.

Estimates of the total damage to private individuals vary from \$25,000 to \$75,000. At this writing, no definite information is obtainable; but probably the real loss will be (Continued on Page 8. More Flood News on Page 5 and Supplement.)

When the Water's Gone

You'll need Wall Paper and Paint. My stock of both is complete and strictly "up-to-date." I have suitable papers for any room in your home—a host of dainty, attractive patterns at little prices.

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We Suffered from High Water

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