

LATE REPORTS INDICATE HEAVY LOSS

Robbery in Flooded District.

The store of Jack Battle, who was drowned Saturday in the flood, located near Bonus, was robbed sometime during Tuesday, and it is said about half of the stock of goods in the store is missing. The home of Mr. J. D. Arnett near Bonus was also robbed the same day, the robber, a Mexican, with the stolen articles, having been captured. The Mexican went to the Arnett house through the flood waters on a raft, but after robbing the place and loading the stolen articles on the raft he was unable to pull up stream again, the current being so swift, and was apprehended and all the stolen articles from the Arnett house recovered. It is believed that Mexicans also robbed the Battle store. After this people are not to get back to their homes in the flooded district, it is believed that much robbery and depredation to property will be discovered.

Four Feet Deep in Egypt Store.

Manager Ed Ragland of the local telephone exchange, was in telephone communication from the Headlight office Wednesday evening with H. Greenley, local lineman here, who was at Egypt. Mr. Greenley said there was no foundation for the report that John Dorman was drowned, that he spent Tuesday night with Mr. Dorman at his home. He stated that water was four inches deep in the Dorman house. Mr. Greenley said that water was four feet deep in the Northington store at Egypt, coming up to the top of the counters. From a half mile below Egypt to Glen Flora the railroad track and all telegraph and telephone poles were washed away. An occasional telephone pole can be seen and at intervals some railroad ties sticking end up. There was considerable loss of live stock through the Egypt section, John Dorman alone losing forty head of hogs. Many chickens, some cats and even a few dogs can be seen lodged in tree tops. Water was up to the flooring of box cars standing on the Dorman switch, which is located on

one of the highest points in that immediate locality. No fences are left around Egypt, and it will be several days before the extent of the damage there can be determined. At Egypt it was reported that several negroes were drowned at Glen Flora, but as the place is not out between Egypt and Glen Flora that report could not be verified.

Telephone Lines Out.

The water is falling so slowly that it was impossible to tell yesterday to what extent the Sap railroad had suffered where the water came over track in a swift current a mile or more wide, near the Stout Whitten farm, between Eagle Lake and the Altair bridge, though the telegraph and telephone lines from the river to Glen Flora this way are all down and will have to be completely rebuilt through that distance. It is believed that most of the Sap track through this stretch where the current was so swift will be found wrecked and badly washed, as soon as the water falls low enough to see the track.

Boat Capsizes With Two.

Messrs. H. S. Vineyard and Kirk Loughridge had a narrow escape from drowning when their boat capsized with them near Eldridge Saturday morning. They had been to Mr. Vineyard's farm to get out his hogs and other live stock and were returning when the boat they were in struck a tree in swift water about fifteen feet deep. The boat was thrown entirely out of the water and Mr. Loughridge went over backwards turning a complete somersault in the air before striking the water. They were washed quite a distance before they hung up on a fence, and after great difficulty made their way out. The capsizing of their boat was seen by other parties, and not seeing them come out again, reported both were drowned. Much uneasiness was felt for both, until they showed up in Eagle Lake Tuesday, and began making their way to a larger and stronger boat no sooner had they reached town. Mr. Vineyard says his fifty acre potato field is washed clean and the crop will be almost a total loss. He says nearly all of the Santa Fe track through that locality is gone and some parts of the track can be seen lodged up in big trees.

Old Caney Slough Renewed.

The slough through the Matthews, McCarty and Eldridge farms, originally made by the ebber waters coming through that path during the 1869 flood, has been opened up again by the overflow, and is said to have washed out to a depth of fifteen or more feet. This slough extending through this section gave the appearance of an old river bed, and is known as Old Caney. Many believed it to be a former bed of the Colorado river, but it was made by the swift waters cutting through during the overflow of 1869. Years ago it was quite deep, but has gradually filled up during the past forty-four years, though still resembled an old river bed. Just how deep this slough has been cut out again by the present flood is not known, though Mr. John Matthews, through whose place it passes, states that from as near as he got to it, he is of the opinion it is cut as deep, if

not deeper, than it was left by the 1869 overflow.

Many Wild Rumors Afloat.

All kinds of rumors have been afloat this week. One can hear almost any kind of a report on the streets at any time of the day. For this reason the getting out of this paper has been a hard task, but we have been careful and have tried not to exaggerate or to print any of the false rumors. We have endeavored to publish as near a complete account of the overflow through this section as the circumstances would permit. While it is impossible yet to tell just what damage has been done in the different sections, we believe our accounts of the flood in this issue will be found to be substantially correct in almost every instance.

Negro Treed But Water Shallow.

When a rescuing boat was making a trip through the old Slutter farm section, the party discovered a negro up a tree. The water at that point, however, was only about two feet deep, but it took much persuasion on the part of the rescuing party before they could make the negro in the tree realize that the water was not ten feet deep. With much hesitancy, he finally climbed down and waded out to dry land, never getting in water above waist deep. The negro had been up in the tree for nearly eighteen hours.

Telephone Operators Busy.

As soon as telephone connections were gotten in operation with outside points, long distance messages began to pour into Eagle Lake. People living in other sections of the state were making anxious inquiries of their relatives and friends living here, due, no doubt, to the fact that the Galveston News had published with big, black headlines, that the water was flowing through our "warm" articles and the people of Eagle Lake had spent a night of terror. The people of Eagle Lake are justly censuring that paper in no mild terms for printing such a story when there was not a word of truth in it.

Situation Awful at Bay City.

The Headlight was in telephone communication with a reliable party in Bay City Wednesday night, and was informed that at that time the flood situation there was something awful, the water being from four to eight feet over the town. About ninety people are in the school building, the court house and rice mill filled with people, and most everybody in the town has moved to a second story. It is said that nearly a thousand acres of rice in the shock at Bay City were ruined by the water. The river at that point is reported to be nearly twenty miles wide, and many people here are of the opinion that waters from the Colorado and Brazos rivers must have met there.

Bottom Roads Badly Washed.

Public roads through the river bottom section are badly washed out, and almost every culvert and small bridge is washed out. It will be some time before teams and automobiles can travel the bottom roads after the river is back in its natural bed, on this account. For some time, about the only way of traveling some of the roads in the flooded section, will be on horseback. In some instances, by going through fields to avoid the bad places in the roads, one may be able to get along in a wagon or buggy.

Potato Men Moving Back.

Mr. J. W. Barnes and family

men moved back to their farms in the river bottom yesterday, after being here in town for six days. Before leaving for the county again, Mr. Barnes called at the Headlight office to have a number of extra copies of this week's issue sent to friends living in Kansas. Mr. Barnes is optimistic as to the damage done, believing or rather hoping that a large percent of the crop will be saved.

"Flood Sufferers" Duck Roast.

Quite a large number of the potato planters met at the home of Mr. Ike Terrell in the Calhoun section Wednesday night—most of them getting there in boats—and enjoyed a duck roast, ten big fine mallard ducks swimming around in the potato fields having been killed by members of the party. The topic of conversation at the duck roast was the flood situation in fact that's the only topic on conversation in this section at the present time. The potato men, after comparing notes and incidents of the different potato sections in the flooded districts, are of the opinion that where the potatoes are still in the mud the crop will yet dig out sound and firm.

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Shop Talk.
A young woman of Baltimore was asked by a friend as to the likeableness of a young chap who for some time had been paying devoted attention to the young woman in question. "Oh," replied the fair one, carelessly, "William is a nice fellow, but he talks shop too much." "How's that?" was the next question. "I thought he was a street car conductor," "So he is," returned the other, "and he's continually saying 'Sit up closer!'" Baltimore Sun.

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