ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

The First News From Tempe Since the Rice.

Tempe was practically uninjured by the flood. One end caved out of the old Hayden blacksmith shop and several worthless adobe houses were melted down. The water was six inches in depth around Winchester Miller’s house in East Tempe, but, owing to a stone foundation, no damage was done.

The water lacked fully eight feet of getting around Goldman’s store, to which point it was thought to have risen.

Under the Tempe canal Boone Lewis and R. B. Carley lost their ranch houses.

The Tempe headgate was broken out, but no particular damage was done to either abutments or canal. The dam appears to be in fair condition.

At Lehi the water broke over at the head of the Utah canal, following along within the high bank of the river and submerged about half the settlement. Harvey Harper’s house and perhaps half a dozen other houses were down.

All the inhabitants in the extensive Pima Indian settlement near Lehi on the east side of the river were driven from their homes, their supplies of mesquite beans, corn and wheat washed away and themselves left destitute. It is also reported that five Indians and a number of ponies were drowned.

The Utah canal is in bad shape and dry.

Three miles of the border of the Mesa canal, near the river, is gone. Chandler’s dredge is still anchored near the mouth, practically uninjured. The canal headgate is missing.

The Highland canal was overflowed for quite a distance, but little injury was sustained.

At Tempe E. A. Murphy has had constructed a smaller ferryboat and expects to have it running today if he succeeds in fishing his cable out of the river where it now lies. His large boat is in good shape.

The telegraph line was brought up to the face of the Butte last night and an attempt will be made today to cross the river with a wire.

Telegraphic communication with both eastern and western points was opened up to 8:15 p.m. yesterday, then balked and had not been brought back to usefulness by 9 p.m.

The water at the Gila bridge at 3:30 p.m. yesterday was within seven feet of the top of the piers, but the river was at a standstill and no danger was feared.

A bridge is reported to have been washed out in the Southern Pacific at Jayne Station, near Tucson.

A train was expected to arrive at Maricopa today from the west, but no definite time is set for the departure of the Maricopa & Phoenix train from Tempe.
UP THE RIVER.

Rapid Subsidence of the Flood—Where the Water Came From.

The latest advices from the head of the Arizona Canal are quite satisfactory. Now that the banks have been left free of water, investigation discloses the fact that there are not over six breaks on the river side, none of them being of considerable magnitude. Secretary Fulweiler is confident that repairs will be complete and water again running within ten days.

Contrary to the general opinion, but little of the flood water came from the Verde. That stream is said to have not reached its limit of last year and has fallen very rapidly since Thursday. Judging from the quickness with which the flood came and subsided it is thought that most of the water was delivered to Salt River by Tonto Creek, which draws the eastern slope of the Mazatzals and a large portion of the Mogollons. If this were so, it is likely that much damage was done the thrifty farmers of the lower Tonto Creek Valley.
CROSSING THE RIVER.

How the Passage of the First Boat Was Accomplished.

The combined efforts of Colonel Masten, Joe Alexander and C. W. Greenleaf found and outfitted a skiff, and yesterday afternoon, with James and Robert Goodwin, of Tempe, as the daring mariners, the boat was launched on the still threatening river, opposite Tempe. The only freight was a bundle of letters and telegrams. The young men handled the oars with much skill, and starting a short distance above where the trestle formerly came, rowed steadily for the other side. The waves were running fully six feet high below the bridge piers, and much difficulty was experienced in keeping the skiff hollow end upward. Landing was made about 500 yards below the bridge.

The people of Tempe, from the top of the Butte, had seen with the aid of field glasses the water entering Phoenix, and had gained the impression that the capitol city had been seriously damaged. They naturally were very curious about north side news, and greeted the Goodwins with more than the warmth due to friends and neighbors.

Return was made at 9 p.m., the passage being safely accomplished by moonlight, landing being made at the upper end of the Lime Kiln flat, and walked to Phoenix, bringing the first news from the south side.

While the Goodwins were crossing the river, E. A. Murphy, John Adams, Thomas Elder and W. Gregory, in a four-oared boat, also essayed the passage to uphold the honor of Tempe against the north side. They landed on a gravel bar on this side, then turned and made the return trip in safety.
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