

Way of the Reservoir. Some weeks since, the people of this vicinity were startled by the fact that the Reservoir at North Cuba had broken loose and threatened to overflow the valley of Cuba, above which it is stated. The news of the break created great excitement and alarm, and every precaution was taken to prevent as much as possible the dire calamity which the sudden outpouring of such a body of water would produce. Luckily, however, the well-house—where the break occurred—gave in, partially stopping the flow of water, and our valley was saved the ruin which must have been the inevitable consequence had the bank given way. Laborers were immediately employed, and the work of drawing the water from the Reservoir commenced. The breach gave no appearance of enlarging or further giving way, and everybody began to regard "the Reservoir scare" as an excellent joke.

On Friday of last week, between five and six o'clock P. M., the water broke loose anew with a great rush and roar that could be distinctly heard in this village, two miles away. The rattling stones, and the sullen, angry surge of the water warned the people living on the flats of the approaching danger to their lives and property, and dwellings were vacated as hastily as though an earthquake had visited them. The citizens of "Brooklyn" knew that the water was coming this time "for sure," and that their only salvation was in "fleeing to the mountains," Dayton's Hill, or some other elevated locality where they could securely rest their feet on terra firma. They thought, if it did not express it verbally—

"Now comes the big war— The Hell of waters!" At about half-past six o'clock, the water in the canal began to overflow the banks and settle back on the flats.— Drift-wood, and all sorts of rubbish floated down the current, which ran quite rapidly.

In five minutes time the whole valley was covered with water to the depth of two or three feet. The water kept rapidly rising and so did the "Brooklynites"—up street! Cattle and swine were carried away by the flood and drowned. Two cows were seen floating in the canal. A barn and several stacks of hay went down stream and all the bridges over Oil Creek between here and Hinsdale were swept away. Pork took a sudden rise, and all kinds of poultry were never before known to be so high.

And still the water kept rising! Fences were carried away and the lower rooms of houses half filled with water. The high enclosure around Smith's Driving Park yielded to the pressure of the flood, and the fine grounds were covered with drift wood. Wood-piles suddenly vanished and gardens were ruined.

The water went away as rapidly as it came, and by 11 o'clock in the evening the "Reservoir scare" had subsided, and "Brooklyn" folks went to their homes with the utmost tranquility of body and mind.

The amount of damage done by this flood must be very great—almost every person living in the valley being injured more or less. Harvey Conant and Russell Smith suffered the heaviest losses.

Have our people always got live in perpetual fear of this Reservoir, or will measures be taken to insure our future safety beyond a shadow of a doubt?— Cuba Patriot, Nov. 5th.

Summons. Supreme Court, County of Allegany—Dredon B. Gallagher, as Executor of the last will and testament of William Gallagher deceased, vs. Levi Ballantyne and Emma K. Ballantyne his wife, Ephraim Ballantyne, Martin Hagen and William Hagen his wife, and John Myers, Defendants. To the Defendants above named, and each of them: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and serve a copy of your answer on me at my office, in the City of Buffalo, N. Y., within twenty days after the service hereof, as of the date of this summons; and if you fail to answer the complaint as aforesaid, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which complaint was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Allegany, N. Y., on the 15th day of August, 1869. JAMES C. BURNETT, Clerk. Dated August 15th, 1869. FIVE ARTY: 45 1/2

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