

A SEVERE BLIZZARD.

TRAINS DELAYED AND OTHERS BLOCK- ADED—STOCKMEN'S LOSSES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Dispatches from the Northwest say that the blizzard of yesterday and last night was unusually severe. Mrs. Edward Walker, living near Devil's Lake, Dakota, was frozen to death while trying to get to a neighbor's house. Her body was found half buried in the snow. The Northern Pacific trains are several hours behind time, though each has three locomotives and a snow plow. It is estimated that the company has paid out since Jan. 1 last \$400,000 to keep its road open. A Sioux Falls (Dakota) dispatch says that the severest cold wave of the Winter is being experienced. Snow on the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha and Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern has caused an almost complete blockade. Trains on the Omaha Road have been stalled in the snow since Saturday night.

At St. Paul the last two days the mercury has ranged between 20° and 35° below zero. Trains on all the roads are still delayed, the engineers not daring to run fast for fear of broken rails. Signal Officer Lyons, of St. Paul, reports that the average temperature yesterday was 29° below zero, being the lowest average of any day for the last 15 years.

A Fort Shaw (Montana) special says: "A heavy blizzard yesterday prevailed at Fort Assiniboin, and north from there to the Canadian line, the temperature ranging from 13° to 35° below zero. The snow was piled in drifts by the high wind to the height of 8 feet in places. Reliable reports say that stockmen have suffered heavier losses than have been known for eight or ten years. The storm through this section was very severe, the mercury marking 29° to 35° below zero; 6 to 11 inches of snow fell on a level. The losses are heavy, but not as heavy as they would have been had the cattle not been in good condition before the storm set in. The roads are impassable. The stage from Cholean is reported lost. A relief party of four is searching for it.

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