

SHROUDS OF SNOW.

Twenty-seven Lives Lost by Avalanches in Colorado.

Immense Damage to Mining Property—
The Ohio River Rising Rapidly—An-
other Flood Feared—A Freight
Train Blown from the Track.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat.

DENVER, December 26.—A special dispatch from Telluride, Col., dated the 24th, via Montrose 26th, states that about noon on Monday a snow-slide came down in the Marshall basin and carried off the shaft-house of the Mendota Mine, which at the time of the accident contained fourteen men. Eight of the occupants were killed outright. Four succeeded in digging themselves out, and these four subsequently rescued the two remaining men in a badly injured condition. As the telephone wires from the mine to the camp were in a damaged condition the news was not received in the camp until 5 o'clock that afternoon, and then only these few meager details were given. A large number of men immediately left for the scene of the disaster. But as yet they have not been heard from. It has been snowing for a week, and it is now over four feet deep on the level. The telephone wires being down, Telluride has been without communication with the outside world for several days. The same dispatch says that the present storm is the most extensive and damaging of any ever known in that region. A stage-driver who had made his way on foot over the surrounding country reports that twenty-seven men have lost their lives by snow-slides within the last few days, while the damage to mining property is enormous. Two men were killed by a snow-slide at the Nevada mine, also at Telluride, but in this accident, like others, the names could not be ascertained. The latest information from Ophir and Ames, neighboring towns, reports that the mail carrier from Silverton, who was due on Friday, had not been heard from and he is supposed to have been lost and perished in making an attempt to cross the range. The Mendota mine is the most promising in the San Miguel mining district of the San Juan. It employed the largest force of men, and was one of the few mines which continued work during the winter months. There is the greatest interest here to learn the names of the unfortunate miners, as some of them have families living in Denver.

A special received at 1 o'clock this morning gives the names of killed at the Mendota mine as follows: J. H. Bond, O. S. Heirick, Thos. Dunnegan, Wm. Taylor, John Davis, Wm. Applewhite, F. Slater, and Lewis Hutchins. The latter lived about twelve hours after being rescued. Thomas Wheatley was found about twelve feet under the snow, with his leg broken, but still alive, and it is expected that he will recover. He was buried forty-six hours.

Two men, Jos. Freilighuysen and Jas. Burns, were found dead to-day by George Pohivar in the Goldbug cabin. A slide struck this cabin on Friday and moved the cabin about 100 feet.

The men killed in the Nevada mine were James Gunter and Peck. Many more accidents are known to have occurred, and an excited crowd is around the telephone office, the only means of communication all day.