

A BOQUET FLOOD 83 YEARS AGO

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Several persons were rescued from their homes in boats, half a dozen buildings were moved from their foundations and several animals drowned when a torrent of water from an ice gorge in the Boquet river several miles from Willsboro swept down through the valley last Friday, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. The Delaware and Hudson bridge about a half mile north of Whallonsburg was destroyed and four cars, placed on the structure to prevent it being washed away, went down with it. Three of the cars were filled with coal and the other with iron. . . The electric power plant was placed out of commission. . . With a roar that could be heard for miles the water, to a depth of several feet, rushed down the main street of the [Willsboro] village, ripping buildings from their foundation and smashing them like eggs. Shepard Brothers' hardware store was washed off its foundation and in an instant was a mass of ruins.