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THEATER BURNED.
Terrible Conflagration and Loss of Life.
Over Seventy-five Bodies Recovered and as Many More supposed to be in the Ruins.

The Audience Became Panic-Stricken and Closed the Passages of Exit.

New York, December 5.—The Brooklyn theater burned to the ground to-night. The fire originated on the stage at half-past eleven o'clock when the company was about half through the last act of the *Two Orphans*.

The fire spread with lightning rapidity and burst out through the door on Washington street. The panic and confusion among the audience was terrible. A number of persons must be badly injured and some probably killed.

Dieter's restaurant adjoining, and the post-office slightly damaged.

The theater was owned by Kingsley, Keeney and others, and was rented to Shook & Palmer, of the Union Square theater, New York. The loss on the theater is about \$250,000. At 1 o'clock the fire was still burning, but under perfect control. The fire was caused by the gas setting fire to the woodwork in one of the wings.

The fire originated in the flies, which, while blazing, fell on top of the scenery. One of the actresses came to the front of the stage, and said: "A small accident has occurred, but don't be alarmed; only a piece of fly is on fire." At the mention of "fire" the audience rose to their feet and made a rush for the doors. The smoke soon became suffocating, and women fell fainting in the aisles and were trampled over. Numbers jumped out of the windows and were severely injured. Three were picked up and sent to the Long Island College Hospital, and are not expected to live.

A young man who jumped out of the window says that another man was with him when he went to the window, and while holding on with his hands, and endeavoring to get out, became overpowered with smoke and fell back, and must have been consumed in the flames. Dresses were torn from ladies while lying in the aisles and on the sidewalk outside. A large pile of dresses so torn from the back and picked up by the police, were in the police station, next door to the theater. The theater company got out safely, except a fly-mat named Chamberlain who was badly burned, and threw himself out of the window. He will die. Dieter's restaurant is badly damaged by water, but not, as first reported, destroyed. The loss is mostly covered by insurance.

Further Particulars.
New York, December 5.—Harry Murdoch, one of the leading actors in the Brooklyn Theater Company, is missing, and is thought to have perished by the burning of the theater last night. Several residents of Brooklyn who are supposed to have attended the performance last night have not returned to their homes, and it is feared that an examination of the ruins to-day will result in finding the charred remains of these missing persons.

LATER.
The fire in Brooklyn theater last night was attended by appalling loss of life. It is thought that not less than 100 persons were killed in the rush to the exit, or burned to death, being unable to escape. The fire broke out during the performance of the last scene of the *Two Orphans*, in which Miss Claxton was playing the heroine. In five minutes more the audience would have been dismissed, and there would have been nothing more serious to record than the destruction of property.

The house was about two-thirds filled, those below sitting well forward toward the stage. For those in the family circle, dress circle and galleries, there was no possible way of escape except by Washington street. The panic-stricken people rushed pell mell toward and down the stairways. The main exit became immediately choked up and a scene of terror, confusion and distress ensued which beggars description. Just above the landing place of the stairway a woman in the crush had her foot pushed over her and piled on top of each other four and five deep.

The police from the station-house, next door, were promptly at the scene, but owing to the manner in which the people were piled up on top of each other and massed together, they could extricate comparatively few, and these were all bruised, bleeding and maimed.

The firemen got to work on the ruins shortly after daylight this morning. They succeeded in getting as far as the fall of the dress circle, where they found a great number of bodies, and immediately began the work of removal, and up till 11 o'clock sixty-five bodies had been recovered, and what appeared to be twenty or thirty more were seen in the basement, into which they had been precipitated by the falling of the burning floors.

Adjoining the burned theater the names of eighty-six persons missing from their homes have been registered.

Kate Claxton, at the preliminary examination of the fire marshal, said: "At the beginning of the last act, just as the curtain went up, I heard a rumbling noise on the stage, and two minutes after I saw the flames and fire; they seemed to be all on the stage. Mrs. Farran, myself, Mr. Studley and Mr. Murdoch were on the stage at this time. We four remained there and endeavored as best we could to quiet the audience and prevent a panic. I said to the people: 'Be quiet. We are between you and the fire. The front door is open and the passages are clear.' Not one of the audience jumped on the stage. The flames were then coming down on us. I ran out and jumped over several people. Mr. H. S. Murdoch, after endeavoring to calm the fears of the panic-stricken people, went to his dressing room to get his clothing and must have been suffocated."

BROOKLYN, December 6, 12 p. m.—The number of bodies thus far recovered from the ruins is about seventy-five, and it is believed that as many more are still in the ruins. They are mostly those of the occupants of the family circle.

The Brooklyn Eagle furnishes the following in advance of publication: "The work of identifying the dead will be difficult for most of them are burned beyond recognition. The only mode of identifying will be by personal property found attached to the bodies. Thus far it is only evident that the flames made common havoc with men, women and children."

Shortly before 9 o'clock Rev. Father Hanley visited the theater and among the bodies recognized the brother of Rev. Father Kyllie. Father Kyllie was present and recognized the body of his brother. The body was taken from the ruins charred and blackened almost beyond recognition. In the breast pocket of his coat were a number of cards bearing the name "Abraham Barnett" in German text.

The bodies are constantly being removed from the ruins and are taken to the morgue as fast as possible.

It is rumored that a number of attaches of the theater are burned. It seems certain that Charles Lott and his son, who were stationed in the upper gallery, are among the lost.

The actors and actresses escaped from the stage into Johnson street.

J. W. Thorp, the stage manager, says the fire occurred in this wise: A drop was ignited from a border light by some means inexplicable, as one was guarded from the other. He immediately directed stage carpenter Weaver and two supernumeraries to endeavor to extinguish the flame, but the difficulty was to reach the part on fire. The stage carpenter, with the supernumeraries, essayed to effect the object by lowering a drop and in so doing added fuel to the flames. The scene, the last in the play, embraced a ceiling apartment, and the instant the burning drop came in contact with the inflammable ceiling served to spread the existing flames in a flash as though powder had previously been scattered about. The scenery and the entire properties were in a blaze. The usual avenues of escape were thus summarily closed at the rear, and an exit, if at all possible, had to be made by way of the box entrance. All, except perhaps one or two, thus escaped. It is now believed that the number of dead will be about one hundred and twenty-five.

The courts adjourned this morning without transacting any business. There is intense excitement in the city, and business is partially suspended. The Park Theater has been closed for the week. A meeting of the theatrical profession has been called for Thursday to concert measures for relief. Hon. Henry C. Murphy, a distinguished citizen of Brooklyn, and well known throughout the country, is among the missing.

Wagon-loads of rough boxes are arriving in front of the theater and corpses are placed in them and covered with tarpaulin and carried to the morgue. The scene grows more terrible every minute. Men and women are crowding the station-house and theater entrance making inquiry for missing friends. In some instances whole families have perished. The bodies present every form of contortion, just as they stiffened in the last agony, when the floor gave way and they plunged down in the blinding smoke and flames; arms and legs are bent and twisted in every way, hands are clenched and reach out as if grasping for help.

The Post says that about 11 o'clock a horrible discovery was made. In the middle of what was the lobby of the theater lay an immense pile of rubbish, smoldering beams, fragments of girders and other things. This heap was nearly opposite the principal entrance to the auditorium of the theater. Beyond it was another heap, marking the place where the stairs which led to the gallery fell. Under the heap first mentioned a dead body was found; and the firemen diligently prosecuted their search in this direction. With much labor some of the heaviest lumber was removed and a horrible sight was revealed beneath. Corpses lay in rows heaped one upon the other—packed together with fearful solidity, which told of the great pressure to which they had been subjected. How many lay there, what their sex or age, no man could tell, and at noon only guesses could be made.

Another actor, Claude Barroughs, is now reported missing.

Thus far but three corpses have been identified—those of Hugh Dover and Nicholas Kelley, 117 Library street, and John Woods, 11 Fleet Place.

The Brooklyn Argus states that up to one o'clock ninety-four bodies had been taken from the ruins and others were still visible, lying in layers four deep. The morgue is completely filled and bodies are now being carried to the old market building in Adams street. They cannot be recognized.

Probabilities.
WASHINGTON, December 6.—For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, warmer, clear or fair weather during the rest of Wednesday, with south to west winds, falling barometer, possibly followed during the night by rising barometer.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
Wade Hampton will be Governor, By the Eternal God.
Or they Shall Have a Military Government.

The Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Hampton's Legislature.

New York, December 6.—Gen. Wade Hampton in his speech in Columbia last night said to the people: "I am supported by the property owners of the State and by the good men of all classes. Two months ago I said I would submit my claims before the people of South Carolina, and if elected Governor that, by the eternal God, I would have my place. Since then, in spite of frauds and falsehoods, all the powers of the State government and bayonets of President Grant, I have been by 75,000 white men and 17,000 colored men, chosen to be Governor of the State of South Carolina, and Governor I will be. The ballot-box has announced the verdict of the people and I will be their Governor or they shall have a military government." Special to the Ledger.

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At 8:27 a. m. Dr. LeMoynes, Dr. Oddie, of Pittsburg, H. J. Newton and Colonel Ollcott, the two latter the Baron's executors, carried the body to the mouth of the retort. Colonel Ollcott put on the body myrrh, essence, frankincense and cinnamon, and the winding sheet was saturated with alum solution. Rose, evergreens, sprays and immortelles were strewn upon the body, and all was ready. The body was on a wire cradle, which, when in the retort, raised it about two inches from the bottom. The door was opened, and at the body slid in a fume of smoke from the burnt evergreens rose from the body, a fainter odor of burning flesh pervaded the building, but no unpleasant feature appeared, and the process was pronounced a success in every particular. Observations every ten minutes disclosed the fact that the remains rapidly shrank in size and passed away in vapor and gases. At the end of the first hour the bones crumbled and the outline of the form was lost. At the end of the second hour the body was greatly reduced in size, the larger bones and ribs only being visible, and would apparently crumble at the slightest touch. At 10:45 the crib was moved back into the retort two inches, and the whole mass crumbled. Colonel Ollcott then pronounced the incineration ended and complete. In two hours and twenty minutes after this the retort had cooled. The ashes will be collected and placed in an urn provided for that purpose.

But little local interest was manifested but the press was largely represented—the New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Chicago papers being represented. A meeting will be held in the town hall this afternoon from two till five o'clock for the discussion of cremation and inhumation, in which Colonel Ollcott, Dr. LeMoynes and others will take part.

BIOGRAPHICAL.
Personal Sketches of the Members of the Forty-third General Assembly of Tennessee.
[Under this heading we propose to give, from time to time, a short sketch of each member of the Legislature.]

GEORGE B. PETERS.

George Boddie Peters, jr., one of the six members elect from Shelby county to the lower house of the Legislature, was born at Bolivar, Hardeman county, Tennessee, January 11, 1850. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction, his mother being a McNeal and a near relation to Jas. K. Polk. He was prepared for college in the schools at Bolivar, entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., and remained at that institution from 1866 to 1870, when it was in its palmy days, under the presidency of General Robert E. Lee; took a thorough collegiate course; received from the Graham Society of that college, in 1869, its gold medal for being its best debater; graduated in 1870 with high distinction, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts and delivering the valedictory to his class. He graduated at the law school of the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1871, and began the practice of law at Memphis in the same year; was married in 1872 to Miss Kate Greenlaw, of Memphis. At the Shelby County Democratic Convention held September 15, 1874, Mr. Peters was nominated for the lower house of the Legislature on the first ballot by an almost unanimous vote; at the election November 3d, the same year, he led the ticket and was elected by a vote of 8719 over his next highest competitor for the same position, a Republican, who received 6108—majority for Peters 2610. He served in the Legislature of 1875—the Thirty-ninth General Assembly—was a member of the Judiciary and Finance Committees and chairman of the Committee on Commerce. He introduced a number of important bills during the session, and took an active part in pushing through the various reform measures accomplished by that Legislature. This year he was re-nominated by the Democracy of Shelby county by a very flattering vote and went before the people upon his legislative record.

The Convention adopted a low tax platform and upon this he stood, at the same time favoring an adjustment of the State debt upon such a basis that the interest might be promptly met and the bonds paid at maturity, and opposing the doctrine of repudiation in every shape and form. During the canvass he made a number of able and effective speeches defining his position and views clearly and boldly. At the election on the 7th of November he again led the ticket by a handsome majority, receiving 8357 votes. Mr. Peters' competitors received an average of about 8100 votes. Tilden's vote was 8536.

Mr. Peters is the only member of the last Legislature returned to the House. His experience, brilliancy and industry will give him a leading position in the House. His name has been prominently suggested in connection with the Speakership, and although strongly pressed for that position by many friends, both here and in the other divisions of the State, he has not yet signified his intention of running for the office. He was often called to the chair during last session, and presided with that ease and presence of mind and readiness which characterize him at all times.

In church matters Mr. Peters is an Episcopalian. In social life, genial and easy of access; at the bar and before the people, esteemed and respected; possessing a laudable ambition, based upon merit and capacity, and being finely educated he is regarded as one of the rising men of the State.

The vote of Shelby county at the November election stood: For President—Tilden, 8536; Hayes, 8127. For Governor—Porter (Democrat), 6845; Thomas (Independent Democrat), 9670. For Congress, Tenth district, Casey Young (Democrat), 8503; W. M. Randolph (Republican), 8092. For lower house of the Legislature the highest vote received by a Democrat, George B. Peters, 8557; highest received by a Republican, I. M. Hill (elected), 8183. Average vote cast for Representatives, six in number, about 8100.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.
President Grant yesterday submitted his eighth and, as he says, his last annual message to Congress, and concluded by saying: "With the present Congress my official life terminates; it is not probable that public affairs will ever again receive attention from me, further than as a citizen of the Republic, always taking deep interest in the honor, integrity and prosperity of the whole land." It is mainly devoted to a recapitulation of the events and official acts of the past eight years. It was, he says, his fortune or misfortune to be called to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training, and admits that he may have committed errors of judgment, but it seems to him often in selections made of assistants on the recommendation of others chosen directly from the people. He claims to have acted in every instance from a conscientious and desire to do what was right and constitutional under the law, and for the very best interests of the whole people. He alludes to the war as a revolt against the government which had sympathizers in the North who received the protection of the government. President Lincoln fell a martyr to his patriotism at the hands of an assassin. The next four years was taken up with wrangling over the best mode of reconstruction—that is to say, he remarks, as to whether the government should pass into the hands of its late open enemies. He had sustained the plan of reconstruction finally agreed upon, and urged the Legislatures of the States that had not done so to ratify the Fifteenth amendment. Taxes, he says, have been reduced within the last seven years nearly three hundred million dollars. The national debt has been reduced in the same time over \$125,000,000 by refunding the 6 per cent. bonded debt for bonds bearing 5 and 4 1/2 per cent. interest, respectively. The annual interest has been reduced from over \$130,000,000 in 1869 to but little over \$100,000,000 in 1876. The balance of trade has been changed from over \$130,000,000 against the United States in 1869 to more than 120,000,000 in our favor in 1876. It is confidently believed that the balance of trade in favor of the United States will increase, and not diminish, and that the pledge of Congress to resume specie payment in 1879 will be easily accomplished. A humane policy has been adopted toward the Indians and a treaty which will settle the Black Hills difficulty awaits the ratification of Congress. Our relations with foreign powers continue on a friendly footing. Congress has withheld appropriations from some representatives abroad at foreign courts, which in the end he thinks will be expensive economy. Various matters relating to the various departments are alluded to, but the suggestions in reference thereto are of no particular importance. The army has been strengthened under an act of Congress. The navy is in better condition than it has been at any time since the war. No allusion whatever is made to the use of troops at Southern elections; only a bare mention is made of any disturbances in that section, and the only paragraph in the message worth quoting entire is the following:

The attention of Congress cannot be too earnestly called to the necessity of throwing some greater safeguard over the method of choosing and declaring the election of a President. Under the present system there seems to be no provided remedy for contesting the election in any one State. The remedy is, particularly, no doubt, in the enlightenment of the electors. The compulsory support of the free school system, and the disfranchisement of all who cannot read and write the English language, after a fixed probation, would meet my hearty approval. I would not make this apply, however, to those already voters, but I would to all becoming so after the expiration of the probation fixed upon. Foreigners coming to the country to become citizens, who are educated in their own language, would acquire the requisite knowledge of ours during the necessary residence to obtain naturalization. If they did not do so, and take enough interest in our language to acquire an efficient knowledge of it to enable them to study the institutions and laws of the country intelligently, I would not confer upon them the right to make and enact laws to act upon those who did.

There is nothing significant in the message from first to last. With the exception of a few lines it sounds like it had been written by office clerks in the different departments and pasted together.

CONGRESS.
CONGRESS, JEO. M. FLEMING, of the Knoxville Tribune, will address the State Teachers' Association at Nashville on the 17th of January, on "State and County Superintendents," a subject with which he is familiar, as he formerly held the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF THE STATE, as required by the constitution, will meet to-day at Nashville, report to the Governor, take the oath of office, and receive their certificates of election.

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New York, December 6.—A Tallahassee dispatch says Mr. Pasco, chairman of the Democratic committee, telegraphed Speaker Randall yesterday to bury the committee up, as important witness were in the city, and could be held for a few days.

FLORIDA FOR HAYES.
A Final "Count In" for the Republicans.
WASHINGTON, December 6.—The following is just received: "Tallahassee, December 6.—The count is just finished. Hayes' majority is 930. The Republicans elect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and both members of Congress. All quiet."
[Signed] "LEW WALLACE."

River Telegrams.
CAIRO, December 6.—Arrived—Robert Mitchell, New Orleans, 1 a. m.; Belle Memphis, Memphis, 10. Departed—Mitchell, Cincinnati, 2 a. m. Weather clear and cold.

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