FLAMES ENVELOP BUSINESS BLOCK

I X L Furniture Blaze Causes Loss to Extent of Nearly $100,000.

TWO CAUSES ADVANCED

GOOD WORK OF FIREMEN PREVENTS BIG CONFLAGRATION.

Estimated Damages.

I X L building	$15,000
Furniture stock	75,000
Luna rooming house	100
Rushmer's optical stock	150
Total	$90,250

A heavy loss was incurred early yesterday morning in a blaze at the I X L Furniture company's building, 41-51 East Third South street, which resulted in a total damage of nearly $100,000.

The fire broke out on the third floor of the building at about 8:30 o'clock, and with incredible swiftness swept the entire length of the building, breaking through the roof and leaping to the adjoining Luna rooming house. The entire force of the department, with all apparatus, responded to the general alarm, but it was not until after 10 o'clock, after almost two hours of strenuous efforts by the firefighters, that the flames were extinguished and the recall given.

The estimated loss is damage to building, $15,000; stock, $75,000; damage to Luna rooming house, $100; W. B. Rushmer, manufacturing optician, damage to stock, $150. The value of the building was $100,000, and the total stock $200,000. The insurance carried amounted to $100,000 on the stock and $80,000 on the building.

The origin of the fire is attributed to either defective wiring or the overturning of a firepot used by one of the workmen engaged on the third floor.

The floor on which the fire originated was used chiefly for storage purposes, practically its whole space being taken up with wrapped and crated stock, thus providing an abundance of inflammable material in the shape of burlaping, excelsior and paper. Electricians were working on the floor at the time of the fire and one supposition is that one of the men may have overturned a firepot, setting fire to the excelsior or packing. Another theory is that sparks from a short circuit or crossed wires started the blaze.

Firemen Are Quick.

With the first shoot of flame the electricians ran from the floor, giving the alarm, and two calls were sent in to the fire department central station. In less than five minutes the entire department was at the scene of the fire, with twelve lines of hose and two steamers pouring a perfect deluge of water upon the flames. Before the department arrived, however, the flames had eaten their way through the roof and were threatening the adjoining buildings.

Fire Chief W. H. Glore personally directed the fight against the flames, and quickly placed his men with their streams to the best advantage. The fire had begun in the southwest corner of the building, about fifty feet from the front, and spread to the rear. With a quick realization of the dangers Chief Glore's first work was to see that all drafts were shut off as much as possible and the fire was fought from the north toward the south, forcing the flames in the latter direction and preventing a spread.

One difficulty encountered was the blocked condtion of the stairway between the second and third floors, which was choked up and made impassable by furniture, glass doors and tin. The firemen were forced to chop their way through this mass, and a considerable delay in forcing their way to the seat of the fire resulted.

Through the work of the department the actual fire was confined mainly to the third floor and the roof. The stock carried on the third floor was completely destroyed by the fire, but a greater damage was done by water to the stocks on the lower floors.

Spectacular Scene.

The fire was hazardous and dangerous to combat, not only by reason of its location, but also on account of the dense smoke and the fumes which arose from burning varnished and lacquered furniture. With the shooting flames gleaming through the pall of smoke the sight was a spectacular one and drew an immense throng of onlookers. The utmost efforts of the police department were required to keep the crowd outside the fire lines.

The building is owned by the I X L Furniture company. It has a frontage of 70 feet and a depth of 300 feet. The insurance on the stock was divided among over seventy companies for the reason that no company will accept a risk of over $2,500 on furniture stocks.

The southeast apartment on the ground floor was occupied by W. B. Rushmer, a manufacturing optician, and the damage to his stock, caused mainly by water and smoke, is estimated at about $150. The roof of the Luna rooming house was damaged to the extent of about $100.

The work of the department in controlling and subduing the fire brought out much commendation. For a time it was thought a large portion of the block would be destroyed, and when it was certain that the fire had been confined to its starting point in the furniture store, praise for the efforts of Chief Glore and his men was given unstintedly.

A private safe may be rented in the fire and burglar proof vault of the Salt Lake Security & Trust Co., 32-34 Main street, $2.00 per year and upwards.

TWENTY CROSS HOT SANDS

Many Visiting Nobles See Victims Initiated Into the Ranks of the Shriners—Banquet Follows.

Twenty footsore, weary and dishevled pilgrims, harassed by dangers and torments, traversed the hot sands of the desert last evening at the Masonic temple, and though rumor hath it that they eventually reached the oasis, El Kalah temple, A. A. O. N. M S., will doubtless have humorous subjects for discussion for many moons to come.

More than 400 visiting nobles were present to see the victims initiated into the ranks of the Shriners, and the visitors' register showed that practically every state in the Union was represented from Maine to California and back again.

Following the initiatory ceremonies a banquet was served, at which Noble E. I. Goshen acted as toastmaster, George H. Dern, Dr. D. Moore Lindsay, C. S. Patterson and L. L. Baker responding.

"My three-year-old boy was badly constipated, had a high fever and was in an awful condition. I gave him two doses of Foley's Orino Laxative and the next morning the fever was gone and he was entirely well. Foley's Orino Laxative saved his life." A. Wolkush, Casimer, Wis. For sale by F. J. Hill Drug Co.

FIRE ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Scene during the exciting fire in the I X L furniture store building on East Third South yesterday morning.
—Photo by Elite Studio.

OMINOUS CLOUD IN THE BALKANS

Austria Unable to Get a Reply From Servia—Great Powers Show Anxiety.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Russia has received from Foreign Minister Iswolsky the reply of Russia to the notification of the dual monarchy of the signing of the Austro-Turkish protocol regarding the annexation by Austria Hungary of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. M. Iswolsky insists that this direct understanding does not exclude the necessity of submitting the question of annexation of those provinces to a conference of the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty, and he says that Russia is now prepared to negotiate with Austria-Hungary and the other powers regarding the summoning of a conference to consider this and other questions.

Public opinion here is considerably excited over the situation between Austria-Hungary and Servia and the possibility of war as an outcome, but it is believed in well informed circles that a solution of the crisis still will be found. A local paper today publishes an inspired article, saying there is reason to believe that Great Britain and France will take active measures to block Austrian aggression.

London, March 18.—A dispatch from Belgrade says that if Great Britain, Russia and France are prepared to notify Servia that they consider the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina a closed affair and no longer a concern of Servia, Servia is ready to concur in this view. Under such circumstances she would consent to dismiss the 7,000 reserves called up for training, always provided that Europe guarantees the country against attack.

Paris, March 17.—The Balkan situation is creating the greatest anxiety here. According to latest information Austria-Hungary, with the support of Germany, has fully resolved to send an expedition into Servia unless this country changes her present attitude. M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador, and Foreign Minister Pinchon were in conference this afternoon.

Cettinje, Montenegro, March 17.—Landing maneuvers being carried out by Austrian warships anchored off Spinza in Herzegovina are growing very exasperating to the Montenegrins in that vicinity, and the authorities have had to take rigorous precautions to prevent reprisals on the Austrians. Spinza is near Montenegro's frontier.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

The Albert Smith & Co. incorporated Wednesday for the purpose of carrying on a merchandise and grocery business in Farmer's ward, Salt Lake county. The capital is $10,000 in dollar shares. Albert Smith is president, George S. Smith vice-president, Ada Jane Smith secretary-treasurer, and these are also the directors. Property in lot 1, block 11, five-acre plat A, big field survey, subject to a mortgage for $5,250, is taken over.

The Milner corporation, also organized at Salt Lake to carry on a general investment business, filed articles with the county clerk yesterday. Archibald C. Milner is president, Truth A. Milner vice president, Jay S. Milner secretary and treasurer, and these with Clarence E. Milner and H. C. Edwards are the directors. The capital is $100,000 in dollar shares, of which Truth A. Milner holds 99,996 shares and the other officers one share each. The company takes over for the amount of the capital stock 84,940 shares of the Carbon County Land company.

AWAY FROM TEMPTATION

Wife Beater Must Leave the City or Go to Jail.

Pat Galvin will perhaps forego his pet diversion of beating his divorced wife, at least the temptation has been removed. He must either stay away from Salt Lake or serve six months in the city jail. About three months ago he was found guilty of having assaulted his former wife, who is employed as a domestic at the Wilson hotel, and served twenty-five daiys in jail. A few days ago he repeated the attack, and was held under $500 bail. After asking for a change of venue yesterday from Judge Bowman's court, he changed his mind, and with the understanding that he would be given an opportunity to leave the city, pleaded guilty. He was supposed to leave Salt Lake by 11 o'clock last night, and today a suspended sentence of six months will be imposed.

SMALL THESPIANS CAPTURE SPLENDID AUDIENCE BY STORM

Spectacle of Little Orphans Displaying Childish Devotion to Flag an Impressive Scene—Result a Triumph for Miss Nora Gleason.

Seldom has a more delightful entertainment been given in this city than that provided at the Salt Lake theatre last evening by 300 handsomely costumed little folks, assisted by several grown-ups, for the benefit of the Kearns St. Ann's orphanage. No more beautiful scene could be imagined than the sea of upturned smiling childish faces, backed by a woodland scene, and set off by the many-colored costumes, disclosed when the curtain rose. Tableaux, specialties and individual acts followed each other in rapid succession without a hitch, and each seemed just a trifle more beautiful than the preceding one.

Notwithstanding the fact that some of the little ones were just able, apparently, to walk unaided, there was not the least trace of stage fright to be noted in their manner. Self-possessed and thoroughly at ease, each of them performed in good style, and their clear childish voices, aided by the winsome innocence of their faces, brought forth round after round of hearty applause at the close of each number.

Miss Gleason's Genius.

Miss Nora Gleason, director of the entertainment, cannot be given too much credit for this more than creditable performance. The tots seemed to almost anticipate her every desire, requiring but a nod to understand what was required. Miss Gleason, assisted by Miss Roumania Hyde, violinist, and Miss Locke, pianist, accompanied the various numbers on the piano, marshalled her small charges for the various tableaux and specialties and seemed to be in a thousand places at once.

Many of Salt Lake's representative society people occupied stalls, among those present being ex-Governor Wells and family, W. S. McCornick, Mrs. Mary Judge, Charles A. Quigley and Rev. A. J. Guinan.

The artists assisting in the performance were M. J. Brines, who rendered two tenor solos in a very pleasing manner, "Believe Me" and "Minstrel Boy;" Fred Smith, basso, who sang "Off to Philadelphia," and Miss Roumania Hyde, violinist, and Miss Locke, pianist.

Little Tattle Tale.

Though there seemed little or nothing to be desired in connection with the various features, the audience seemed unusually pleased with the work of Master George Cronin of Ogden and his sister, Miss Thelma. Though of tender years, they were unusually graceful and pleasing in their various specialties, their joint work in the song "Tittle Tattle Tale" brought them several encores.

Miss Venus Romney and chorus in the song "Mollie's Eyes Are Irish" shared stellar honors with the Cronin children. Miss Romney appeared in a salmon pink costume, with a large picture hat and white parasol, and completely won the auditnce by reason of her unusual beauty and extraordinary voice. Miss Romney, who is a Salt Lake girl, is possessed of undoubted artistic ability, and her specialty was heartily applauded.

The tableaux and drills were led by Dorothy White, Hazel Hill, Loretta Boehler and Margaret Putnam, and their masterly command of each division of seventy-five children under them was little short of wonderful. The leaders are four of the youngest of the children, yet each one proceeded with the complicated movements without the least hesitation.

Girls' Chorus in Specialties.

The girls' chorus of more than 200 voices appeared in the following specialties: "Dear Little Shamrock," sung by Ruby Daniels; "Tipperary," by Ruby Locke; "Mollie's Eyes Are Irish," Miss Venus Romney.

Not the least attractive feature of the entertainment was the song, "The U. S. A.," by the girls from St. Ann's home. The chorus contained the line, "Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light," from "The Star Spangled Banner." At each repetition of the line the little ones knelt in an attitude of adoration, with their hands extended toward heaven, as though appealing for the protection of the flag, and few dry eyes were to be seen in all the vast audience, which filled the house from pit to dome, when the significance of the act became apparent. No more touching spectacle has ever been seen in this city than that supplied by the orphaned little ones as they displayed their childish devotion to the flag.

Other of the specialties which evoked prolonged applause were: "The Irish Washerwoman," a shillalah dance performed by Viola Service; "Ring Around the Rosy," by Marion McDonald and little ones; the highland fling, a more than usually graceful interpretation of the ancient Scottish dance, given by Sadie Stevenson, Helen and Viola Service, Flora Hood and Frances Johnstone; "The Yama Yama Man," by the tiny tads; skirt dances by Dolly Christensen and Marguerite Taylor, and a song and dance by Margaret Connolly and Clara Morris.

Boys Capture the House.

The boys of St. Ann's also put on two excellent specialties. The first, "Listen to the Band," was well sung, but the boys did not have the audience at their mercy until their second number, when they rendered the topical song, "A Little Hot Air." This brought down the house, and they were recalled twice.

The closing number of the program was the tableau "Columbia." Miss Genevieve Brooks made a very charming goddess, her petite form and beautiful costume being well set off by the many-hued costumes of the children of the chorus. Tired though they were by the exertions of the evening, their eyes were just as merry, and their movements as brisk as though they were just beginning.

The theatre was packed to suffocation. Not a vacant seat was left in the house, all available standing room was occupied, and many were turned away from the doors through lack of room. Special policemen were on duty at all parts of the house, while two officers and two special firemen were detailed to supervise affairs back of the scenes.

The little tads had the time of their lives, the grown-ups were nearly in the same condition, and the only anxious faces seen about the theatre were worn by those who, at the last moment, straightened the apparel of the diminutive thespians.

A peculiar feature of the behind-the-scenes contingent lies in the fact that ten of the babies on the stage last evening are children of the young woman who sixteen years ago assisted in the first benefit for the orphanage.

The Salt Lake Theatre orchestra provided sweet music during intermissions, and also rendered "Melodies of Tara," as a special number.

MEETING OF ENGINEERS.

Krebs to Discuss Sewerage System of Salt Lake City.

The regular meeting of the Utah Society of Engineers will be held tomorrow evening in the physics building at the university.

Two timely and interesting papers are to be presented. L. H. Krebs, assistant city engineer, will read a paper dealing with "The Sewerage System of Salt Lake City," and O. H. Skidmore, city electrical engineer, will read a paper entitled, "The System of Filing Records in the City Engineer's Office, Salt Lake City."

This will be the last regular meeting of the society before the annual banquet, which will be held at the time of the annual meeting some time in April.

MYERS FORMALLY ACCUSED

Complaint Charges Him With Murder of J. C. Barnett.

Complaints were issued from the county attorney's office yesterday charging Hugh Meyers, Philip Mana, alias "Boston Joe," and John Doe, alias "Shorty," with the murder of John C. Barnett, the man who was beaten and strangled to death recently in the American rooming house. Meyers is confined in the city jail, but the other two have not been apprehended.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George M. Tucker, Salt Lake.
Catherine B. Houston, Salt Lake.
Harry Hansen, Salt Lake.
Ilona E. Cushman, Las Vegas, Nev.
Edwin P. Dawes, Salt Lake.
Ruth Hornsby, Salt Lake.

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A splendid range of flounce styles—there are shirred flounces, tucked flounces, ruffled flounces, self-strapped flounces and many other new tailored ideas.

Choose from this great lot —Thursday— and come early for best choosing—at only 98c

SHOW INTEREST IN TARIFF BILL

British Cousins Trying to Figure Out Benefit for Their Industries.

London, March 17.—The question of tariff revision has an unusual interest for the British public. The realization that there must be an ever-increasing expenditure on the navy to add to the budget difficulties, already brought about by liberal social reforms, makes the overburdened taxpayer look in any direction for relief, and the situation is one calculated to turn the waverers into the tariff reform camp.

Hence, the American tariff bill and its fate in congress will be watched with keen interest to ascertain whether there is any slackening in the belief in America in the virtues of a protectionist system. The American correspondents of the English newspapers refuse to believe that the senate will sanction any really effective reduction in duties.

They point out that there have been four revisions of the tariff since the civil war, but none has resulted in materially reducing duties.

The most interesting points of the bill for the British public are the proposed application of an extra duty on tea, which will severely affect the British, and the patent clause, which is regarded as a retaliation for the act promulgated by David Lloyd-George. The reduction of steel duties is expected to benefit the British trade.

There is much interest also in the free admission of works of art, which is calculated to act as a further incentive to American collectors in denuding Europe of its art treasures. On the whole, however, the bill is regarded as doing little to assist English trade, and is likely to help the protectionist party here in its campaign, which is growing more and more prominent.

UTAH OSTEOPATHS MEET.

New Officers Elected and Interesting Program Given.

The annual meeting of the Utah State Osteopathic association was held last night in the offices of Drs. Mary Gamble and Grace Stratton. Following the usual business meeting, which included the election of officers for the ensuing year, a program consisting of addresses on topics of interest to the members of the association was given. Following Dr. James C. Woodmansee's annual address, the following papers were delivered: "Osteopathy in Gynecology," Dr. Alice E. Houghton; "Chronic Headaches," Dr. Merton McDowell; "Personal Observations on Diet," Dr. Ives; "Diseases of the Kidneys," Dr. A. N. Minear.

The new officers of the association, elected last night, were: President, Dr. Harry Phillips; vice president, Dr. Edward E. Keeler; secretary, Dr. Mary Gamble; treasurer, Dr. Alice E. McDowell; trustees, Drs. James C. Woodmansee, Grace Stratton and G. A. Gamble.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

WALTER SEBREE, banker and real estate dealer of Caldwell, Ida., who has been for a number of years the leading spirit in baseball in southern Idaho, passed through Salt Lake yesterday on his way to Caldwell, after spending the winter in California. He has a winter home near Los Angeles.

MRS. L. A. MEHSE and children returned home yesterday after several months in San Francisco.

P. P. NICHOLS, principal of the Price high school, assisted by Miss Aled Alexander, an instructor in the same institution, will give an entertainment, entitled "An Evening With Dickens," in the First Methodist church, this evening, for the benefit of the school. No admission fee will be charged, but a voluntary offering will be received.

LOREN P. REYNOLDS of Boise arrived in Salt Lake yesterday from a trip to his old home in Louisville, Ky., where he was called by the death of his brother. He will be here several days before continuing on to Idaho.

THE PERSONAL GRIEVANCES of Austin Lecuyer and Lee Hallibeck, a couple of youngsters, led to an encounter in front of the Windsor hotel last night, followed by an arrest, and both are now in jail awaiting a hearing today on the charge of fighting. Lecuyer, it is understood, fancied that Hallibeck had been "saying things against him," and he took exceptions with the use of his fists. Hallibeck promptly knocked him down and then the police came along.

J. S. SINCLAIR of Weiser, Ida., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mary Winter, in this city for a few days. Mr. Sinclair returned this week from a trip to the South Atlantic coast.

DR. AND MRS. J. C. HANCHETT entertained at a dinner last evening at their home, 161 East Eleventh South street, in honor of Dr. L. E. Gisler of Detroit, Mich. The guests were Dr. L. E. Gisler, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Meakin, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wight, H. N. Standish and J. B. Wilkins.

Can You Tell the Cause of Your Trouble?

Are you sometimes discouraged, and think you'll never be any better?

Can you tell the cause of your trouble, or what makes you sick?

Do you know that about nine-tenths of all sickness is caused by kidney trouble?

Have you ever stopped to think that your kidneys may be the cause of your poor health?

Most people do not realize how much work the kidneys are required to do every day.

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Low rates to Salt Lake for "The Rose of the Rancho," Saturday, March 20. Tickets on sale all stations, Provo to Murray, inclusive, via Salt Lake Route. Three daily trains. Late train returning.

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