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LESSONS FROM FIRE.

The Holyoke disaster at Springfield has been investigated by a jury of inquest who have returned a verdict that no one immediately concerned is to blame, but condemning the death-trap of a building in unmeasured terms of severity. How much better is the Memphis Theater or the Greenlaw Opera House. There are no means of egress known to the public except the regular front entrances. It takes a full house at least ten minutes to file out of the Theater and five minutes out of the Opera House, and in case of a panic there is no calculating the injury to life and limb that would occur about the narrow stairways. If there are other avenues of escape they are always closed and invisible to the audience. There should be a law requiring all places of amusement, halls, churches and other public buildings to be provided with means of escape in case of fire or a panic from any cause. People lose their senses on such occasions, and often in the frantic endeavors to get away block up the only routes of escape. A few are always cool and self-possessed, realizing the situation and using all their powers and influence to the best advantage; the many rush pell mell toward a given point, and often the weak are crushed by the strong. The attention of the country has been directed to this subject in the light of recent and catastrophic, and the fact has been made known that very few of the hotels of New York are provided with facilities whereby the guests might get out in case of a sudden fire alarm. People are sent away up from four to eight stories high by an elevator and have not the remotest idea of the direction to the few stairways, which are always constructed with a view to the economy of space. A stranger lodged in one of these top-most floors might nearly as well, in case a fire, be shut up in Mammoth Cave. We have learned but little from these terrible disasters if we do not take steps to prevent their recurrence.

Red Cloud has proved anything but a soft customer in the hands of the ring at Washington. Some speculator took a picture of the Indian group yesterday, but Red Cloud declined to be taken in that way. He said anybody could have his picture for twenty-five dollars. Thus far he has successfully resisted all attempts to cheat his people out of their Black Hills possessions. Where are all the pious fanatics that want the rights of all men secured, regardless of race, color or previous condition? If these Indians lived in the South, they would have to vote and stand by the Republic, can they the same as the negroes. The Government has set about to swindle the Indians out of whatever valuable lands they may have, and the pay tendered has to go through the hands of favorite agents, who have a chance to steal almost without limit. The Indian policy of the Government has long been a disgrace and a source of corruption.

Tax Southern Catholic, of this city, has undertaken the task of reforming Brownlow; well, not that exactly, but it is engaged in a hot controversy with him and gives the old gentleman a lively tussle. We select one paragraph from a long article this week:

Would the fires of earthly origin, indeed, consume this man? We believe not. Not even if started and fed with the Whig and Chronicle, nor the pages of the Whig of ante-bellum days, though they were forever soaked and steeped in blasphemy and equal in sulphurous qualities to any material that Lucifer himself might have stowed away for his future use.

Can the Governor beat this? We rather think he can.

A machine called the type-writer has been invented. It is about half the size of a sewing-machine and is manipulated by keys like a piano. An expert operator can produce from fifty to seventy-five words per minute, or two or three times as many as ordinary writers. Now if they can just put brains in the thing, every man can publish his own newspaper and the wicked borrowers will cease to trouble.

This wind blew the roof off a large building in Columbus, O., last Wednesday night, and out of four or five hundred inmates none were hurt and not a dozen heard it or spoke of the matter afterwards. We understand it was a deaf and dumb asylum, or something of that sort.

THERE is no good reason for believing that Don Piatt wrote the President's letter. The third-termers claim that he wrote it all by himself. It is unkind in anybody to insinuate that Grant is mentally or constitutionally disqualified from writing such a piece.

BEN BUTLER says that he has "renounced the devil and all his works." He cannot expect to cut the old gentleman's acquaintance so easy as that. It will require a new bankrupt law to get Butler out of debt in that quarter.

THEY are after another saint. The Hon. C. P. Leslie, of South Carolina, a follower of the Grant star, embezzled \$440,000 while Land Commissioner, and now there is a great coolness between him and the Sheriff.

THE Brownsville States has resolved to dispense with the patent outside next week or the week after—quite an evidence of prosperity in these hard times.

THEY now talk of converting Jay Cooke's palace into a female seminary, but it does not follow that all the pupils would turn cooks.

THE Pittsburg Post speaks irreverently of the Presidential circus picking its canyons as Long Branch, the weather permitting.

COLONEL DEW Wisdom has resumed control of the Jackson Whig and Tribune.

NEW ISSUE MOVEMENT.

Cancellation of \$270,000 in Coupons Slipped by an Informant—How the Discovery of the Deposit was Obtained.

Nashville Banner, June 3.] Certain of the new issue men have just made quite a haul, at least they think so. In rummaging through the printed Journal of the Senate of 1870 and 1871, information was obtained leading to the discovery that there were on deposit in the Comptroller's safe some \$270,000 of State coupons, belonging to the assets of the Bank of Tennessee, upon which the new issue is a preferred claim; and thereupon a bill was filed yesterday by Senator Cooper and R. McP. Smith to add this deposit to the fund for the payment of the new issue.

The coupons are a part of the proceeds of the settlement made some years ago by the Legislative committee with George R. Rutter, President of the Tennessee National Bank of Memphis. After the assets of the bank were returned to Nashville, the coin of the school fund, a part of the capital of the bank, was, it will be remembered, sold to Jay Cooke & Co. for some \$630,000 in United States 7-30 bonds, which were afterward by Treasurer Stanford deposited with Rutter.

Rutter's bank suspending, a committee sped to Memphis and made with him the settlement that was practicable, and the coupons in question are, as stated, a part of the proceeds of this settlement. The Legislative committee turned them over to the Treasurer, by whom they were pasted in two blank books, uncanceled, after which, in the course of the investigation of former Treasurer Rust, these two books were removed by the joint committee engaged therein into the Comptroller's office, where they were when the above bill was filed. The prayer of the bill is to enjoin the cancellation, or mixture with others, of the coupons in question, or their removal from where they now are, and that they be decreed to belong to the assets of the bank, and be disposed of accordingly. All the assets of the bank, including the school fund, or its proceeds, are claimed to be a trust fund for the benefit of its creditors, and, as stated, of these holders of the new issue claim priority. There being estimated to be some \$800,000 of the new issue outstanding, the \$270,000 of coupons constitute a material increase of the fund for its payment. The bill prays that these coupons be funded according to law, and thus converted into an interest-bearing fund.

THE CHARIVARI.

Judge Colvin Draws the Line Between the Legitimate and the Illegitimate.

In Memphis and surrounding country the boys occasionally "charivari" a newly married couple. The following from a St. Louis Journal shows the legal side of the matter:

It is not often that the strange proceedings comprehended in the word "charivari" are investigated in the court of justice, but when they are, they usually lead to some ludicrous developments. A case in point was tried in the Court of Criminal Correction, yesterday. Peter Foster and Ed Morton, living some seventeen miles out on the St. Charles Rock Road, were accused by Stephen H. McAtee of riotously disturbing the peace. The parties who appeared in the case were mostly farmers, living about two miles from St. Charles. It appeared that Frank Williams, an employee of Mr. McAtee, had married a widow, and his friends and neighbors turned out on Sunday night to tender him a mock serenade. There were about thirty persons present, and they had, besides other musical instruments, a guitar, violin, accordion and horn. In commenting on the case, Judge Colvin said that some of our most distinguished men in St. Louis have been "charivariated." If this had been a naked charivari, he would be inclined to overlook it as one of the customs not to be considered a direct violation of law. There was a large number of persons in this case who thought they would serenade Williams, who had just been married, and they went there on Sunday night. There was no doubt of Foster being there, whether he was a leader, or participant, made no difference, because there were no degrees in the offense. A short time after the serenade commenced, McAtee told Foster to take the crowd down to the saloon and treat them at his expense, intending, no doubt, to induce them to depart. "No," said Foster, "we did not come for the purpose of getting liquor, but for our own amusement." That was a kind of defiance. He added: "We want him to show himself." They came the next night. The boys were bent

on having their fun. Although Foster did not blow a horn, or strike a guitar, or anything of that kind, he spoke for the crowd; he acted in concert with them, although it was not supposed there was any harmony to such a conglomeration of sounds. One witness said he heard them a mile off, and it being a quiet country place, they must have made noise enough to disturb all the neighborhood. Then McAtee's wife was sick, and it was known to some of the crowd. (Defendant's counsel said it was not known to them.) If he thought it was a regular fair charivari, divested of all extraneous matters, he would discharge them without hesitation. In this case a trial was offered. The idea of a legitimate charivari—if such a thing could be—was to get a treat from the one who was charivariated. As Foster did not go when offered a treat, he would be fined a nominal sum, \$1.

Morton was discharged. It is supposed the costs, charged with the fine, will be about \$50.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, June 5.—In the water works investigation yesterday Mayor Johnson stated, with reference to the charge of his having borrowed thirteen hundred dollars of the works, that he did not consider that he had borrowed a cent from the works. He explains that, while in his office one day, J. H. Graeter, secretary of the works, came in and stated that he understood the Mayor was in need of thirteen hundred dollars, and that he (Graeter) would be pleased to lend it to him. The witness gladly accepted it, and had no idea but the money belonged to Mr. Graeter. When he learned that it was part of the water works funds he returned it instantly.

H. Schmeidel, German, residing on Hughes street, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the heart. Cause unknown.

By an explosion of the boiler of an engine on the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland railroad last night, engineer Thomas Larkin was killed, fireman Joseph Lees mortally wounded and engineer Thomas Ranahan severely injured.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Captain William S. Brown, of the Fifth cavalry, United States army, committed suicide yesterday at his residence in this city.

The specie shipments to Europe to-day were \$2,500,000, of which \$2,350,000 is gold coin and the remainder silver bars.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, June 5.—The Earl of Home and Dalhousie and Viscount Grey, of Scotland have been raised to the peerage of the United Kingdom.

Fire.

MACHIAS, ME., June 5.—An incendiary fire in this city at two o'clock this morning destroyed the Catholic church and parsonage and the residences of Nathan Longfellow and Dr. Peabody, together with several small buildings and barns and 150,000 feet of lumber. Loss, about \$75,000.

Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—For the upper Mississippi and the lower Missouri valleys, stationary pressure, cool, partly cloudy weather, and possibly occasional rain. For the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the lakes, rising, followed by falling barometer, cooler, northwest to south-west winds, and partly cloudy weather, with occasional rain on the lower lakes. The lower Missouri river will probably rise; the lower Ohio and lower Mississippi will fall.

River Telegrams.

CAIRO, June 5.—Arrived—Capitol City, St. Louis, 8 p.m.; Rover, St. Louis, 6 p.m.; City of Chester, Memphis, 8 p.m. Departed—Capitol City, Vicksburg, 9 p.m.; City of Chester, St. Louis, 9 a.m.; Raven, Ohio river, 10 a.m. It rained all night and until 9 a.m., and is cloudy and warm now.

As Imperator Witness.

Mr. Dallas, once Vice President of the United States, while practicing law, was counsel in a case in Philadelphia, and Mr. Scheerer, a noted politician, was called in as a witness. The following questions were put by Mr. Dallas: "Mr. Scheerer, were you in Harrisburg last June?" "Last June, did you say, Mr. Dallas?" "Yes, last June; don't repeat my question but answer it." After some minutes of study the answer came: "No, Mr. Dallas, I was not in Harrisburg last June." "Were you in Harrisburg last July?" Here he reflected again and slowly said, "No, Mr. Dallas, I was not in Harrisburg in July." "Were you there last August, Mr. Scheerer?" The witness again meditated and said, "No, Mr. Dallas, I was not there in August." "Were you there in September?" Here Mr. Scheerer reflected longer than before, and replied, "No, Mr. Dallas, I was not in Harrisburg in September." Mr. Dallas became tired of this barren result, and, raising his voice, said, "Mr. Scheerer, will you tell the court when you were in Harrisburg?" "Mr. Dallas," said Mr. Scheerer, "I never was in Harrisburg in my life."

An Arkansas youth came to his father and said: "Dad, they a't knives enuff to sot the table." Dad: "Whar's big batch, little butch, the case, cob-handle, granny's knife and the one I handled yesterday?" That's enuff to sot any gentleman's table, without you lost um."

Sin is a basilisk whose eyes are full of venom. If the eye of thy soul see her first, it reflects her own poison and kills her; if she see thy soul unseen or seen too late with her poison, she kills thee. Since, therefore, thou canst not escape thy sin, let not thy sin escape thy observation.—Quarles.

"Crooked" millinery is what they call it now. For years past every woman who returned from a trip to Europe, brought with her a half dozen trunks filled with fine goods, for herself and friends, which passed the New York custom-house duty free on the representation that they contained only wearing apparel. All this delightful state of affairs for the fair smugglers is now to be changed. Nothing is to be passed as wearing apparel unless it shows signs of actual wear. Think of strange men—custom inspectors—overhauling trunks and examining each article contained in them for signs of wear. Ugh!

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MARRIED.

SWANSTROM—COMER—At Red Wing, Minn. Wednesday evening, May 26, 1875, Mr. A. P. SWANSTROM, of Red Wing, and Miss ANNA E. COMER, formerly of Memphis. "May Heaven watch o'er ye ever, And happy be your lot; Oh, may this hour be never Through days of joy forgott." E. L.

I. O. O. F.

THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS of Memphis Degree Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at their hall this (SATURDAY) evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, for work in the degree. All Brothers in good standing, and transient Brothers are fraternally invited. By order, C. M. CARROLL, D. M., THOS. S. BINGHAM, Secretary.

MEETING.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Memphis Building and Saving Association will be held at the office of this Association, No. 41 Madison street (basement), MONDAY, June 8, 1875, at 8 p.m., to loan out the moneys on hand and to transact such other business as may regularly come before the meeting. The members are requested to pay their dues during the DAY, as an act to delay the meeting in the evening. The members are hereby notified that changes will be made in our Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with the recent enactments made by our Legislature. By order of, G. H. JUDAH, President, S. STUM, Secretary. 8-5

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ELECTION.

OFFICE
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MEMPHIS, May 17, 1875. THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS COMPANY are hereby notified that the annual election for Directors will be held at the office of the Company, No. 22 Madison street, on Monday, June 14th, prox., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. F. M. NELSON, Sec'y. 68-94

PICNIC.

ITALIAN PICNIC. THE SIXTH ANNUAL PICNIC WILL BE GIVEN BY THE SOCIETA DI UNIONE E FRATELLANZA ITALIANA

James' Park, Monday, June 7th.

Orator of the Day, HON. B. CASEY YOUNG, Queen of Italy, MISS EMMA BACIGALUPO, Goddess of Liberty, MISS PAULINE BORO.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: L. Largomarsino, F. Cassana, A. Fopplano, L. Bismardello, A. Montedonico, A. B. Vaccaro, P. Pierotti, P. D. Canale, V. Bacigalupo, A. J. Signario.

GATE COMMITTEE: A. Fopplano, A. Montevorde, M. Canale, A. Orlandi, L. Michelletti, J. V. Botto, L. Arto, G. De Welling, G. Castagnino, G. Lauretti, A. Bori, B. Malatesta, E. Bordinelli.

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BAR COMMITTEE: L. Brignardello, P. Pierotti, A. Montedonico, L. Vaccaro, A. Garibaldi, A. Garbarini, A. Raglio.

THE MARSHALS, L. Lucarini and Nick Malatesta, Will form the procession in front of the hall at ten o'clock sharp; thence it will move up Second to Market, up Market to Main, down Main to Canal, out Canal to Washington, where cars will be in attendance to convey the music and society to head of Vance street, where the society will reform and march thence to James' Park, where pleasure will begin. Tickets, 50c. To be had of any of the Committee and at the Gate. 83-85

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Summary of Business.

Amount of Premiums received from May 1, 1845, to January 1, 1875 \$20,076,428 77
Amount of Interest received from May 1, 1845, to January 1, 1875 34,321,624 00
Total Receipts \$54,398,052 77
Paid for Losses and Endowments \$11,187,583 29
Paid for Dividends or return Premiums \$16,303,010 82
Paid for Surrendered Policies 3,714,825 69
Paid for Management, Commissions, Taxes, etc. 44,735,591 20
Net Assets of the Company, January 1, 1875 \$29,061,959 41

Showing that of the entire receipts the Company retain 39.87 per cent. as a reinsurance fund and surplus; that 50.00 per cent. has been returned to members or their families, to losses, return premiums, and surrendered policies; and that only 10.04 per cent. has been expended for all other purposes, including taxes, commissions, and all expenses of management. The results are more favorable to the insured than these presented by any other Company in the world.

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