

FEAST FOR FLAMES

Orchard's Furniture Store Furnishes a Banquet for the Fire Element.

HIS ESTABLISHMENT WIPED AWAY

Only One Wall of the Palatial Store Left in Its Position.

CONTINENTAL BLOCK ALSO DESTROYED

Freeland, Loomis & Co.'s Clothing Stock Gone Along With the Carpets.

BUSY NIGHT FOR THE DEPARTMENT

Called from Small Blazes to Battle With a Fierce Conflagration—How Fortunes Were Dispersed in Flashes and Smoke.

Fire played havoc with the two big buildings on the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Douglas streets last night.

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Intensely Hot Work.

Some idea of the terrible speed of the fire may be imagined when one knows how hard and fast the flames were blowing.

Before hose could be brought up the alleyway in the rear of the building the whole structure on the alley, from basement to roof, was one mass of flame and the heat in the alley was so intense that it was a hard matter to get within ten feet of the fire.

The half dozen lines of heavily insulated electric wires snatched from the heat and overlapping flames, and before they were completely ruined and fell to the ground, Captain Hayes of hose company No. 6 started in the alleyway with a two-inch pipe in his hands and threw the steam up the alley way between the Orchard block and the Continental building, and tried to cool the walls and thus prevent their falling.

One of the most gallant incidents of the fire was the dash made by hose company No. 10 through the alley. This company laid in the line from a hydrant at Fourteenth and Douglas streets and started up the alley toward Fifteenth street. The heat baked the horses, but a word from Assistant Chief Sullivan and the men, with a whip and the greys galloped down the alley, past the flames which nearly singed their hair, into air free from smoke into Fifteenth street.

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TOSSED ON AN ANGRY SEA

Thrilling Voyage Across the Atlantic by the Steamship Noordland.

SHE WAS DISABLED IN A TERRIFIC GALE

Passengers Driven Frantic by Fright—Saved from Sinking by Coolness and Good Seamanship—Her Propeller Shaft Broken 300 Miles from Land.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The American line steamer Ohio, from Philadelphia, December 14 for Liverpool, passed Herd Head today. She had in tow a four-masted Belgian steamer Noordland from New York, December 14, for Antwerp.

The voyage of the Noordland was tempestuous almost from the hour of leaving Sandy Hook. The winds blew almost a hurricane and the ship had much difficulty in making headway through the waves.

Some of the passengers were so apprehensive of danger that they could not be induced to retire to night and sat about the saloon during intervals, ready to take to the boats in the event of an accident, although the boats could have lived only by a miracle in the terrible seas.

The waves tossed their leam on the decks until the lower rigging was covered with a congealed frosting and the deck itself was like a skating pond.

The only comfort or security was in the cabins. Captain Nickels and his officers, and crew, spared no pains to secure the safety of the ship, and the sailors never shirked an order, however perilous and painful.

When the Accident Occurred.

The Noordland labored along successfully until Thursday evening. It was a bitter night and the passengers were kept up all night, gradually nearing the end of their voyage.

The vessel was about 32 miles west and 140 miles north of the Cape Verde islands in the evening a tremendous crash was heard and the vessel quivered from end to end.

The passengers were told that the vessel was tossed about like nine-pins, several of them being thrown to the floor. Several terrific blows resounded, one after the other.

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The steamship Ohio proceeded to Liverpool this morning. Most of the steerage passengers were taken back and will live aboard until further notice.

Probably the Noordland will then proceed to Antwerp, where she will be completely overhauled.

Actions About the Umbria.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Anxiety is felt over the nonarrival of New York of the Cunard Umbria, which sailed from Liverpool December 17, and, allowing for stormy weather, would have reached port at least two days ago. Apprehension is so serious that reinforcement has been begun.

The officials of the Cunard line say they have no doubt that the Umbria's delay is due to the breaking down of her engines.

TO M. PASTEUR.

Seventeenth Birthday of the Famous Savant Fully Observed.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—New York Herald Cable—Special to The Bee.—The 20th anniversary of the birth of M. Louis Pasteur, the distinguished biologist and chemist, was celebrated today with great pomp and undisturbed by the political scandals of the hour.

M. Pasteur was so moved by the ovation which he received that he was not able to speak, and his son read his speech. The aged scientist sobbed when he spoke of his wife and relatives.

The various delegations filed by to congratulate him. The most applauded were the Copenhagen and Stockholm delegations. The scene was most interesting. It was regretted that the united scientific societies of Berlin were not represented.

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IN FAVOR OF THE DEMOCRATS

Wyoming's Celebrated Election Contest Decided in the Supreme Court.

LEGAL RETURNS FROM CARBON COUNTY

Those Certified To by the Justices of the Peace Must Be Canvassed by State Board of Canvassers—The Decision.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Justice Conway handed the decision of the supreme court, the demurrer to the petition of Bennett and Chapman to compel the state board of canvassers to count Hanna precinct in Carbon county. Chief Justice Grossbeck and Justice Merrill concurred in the opinion.

County Clerk Ross had sent in one set of returns and the two associate justices of the peace a second. Ross' returns did not include Hanna precinct on the ground that the returns purporting to be from that precinct did not show they were the returns of an election held in the county.

The state board counted the abstract of the county clerk, thereby defeating Bennett and Chapman.

Demurrer of the Canvassing Board.

To the alternative writ of mandamus issued by the court the state board of canvassers demurred on the following grounds:

First—The petition and alternative writ do not set forth any circumstances rendering it necessary that a mandamus should issue to compel the board to canvass.

Second—The fact of the petition and writ indicate that this court has no jurisdiction in the case.

Third—Neither the petition or writ state sufficient cause of action. Neither the petition or writ state sufficient facts to entitle plaintiffs to the relief prayed for.

The first objection was waived. The second was urged on the ground that each justice of the peace has the sole jurisdiction of the qualifications. The objection was overruled on the ground that the decision affected merely the state board of canvassers, leaving to the house of representatives full and final jurisdiction in the matter.

The third and fourth grounds of the demurrer were considered together, being similar in nature, and the court in its opinion, the first question raised was, "Did the clerk or clerk in making a separate abstract of the returns of the justices of the peace?"

There had been conflicting opinions as to whether the clerk or clerk in making a separate abstract of the returns of the justices of the peace was the duty of the clerk or two justices of the peace of equal power. Concluding an exhaustive discussion of the point, Justice Conway said:

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COLD WEATHER DETAILS.

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