

Southwest Corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets—Historical Reminiscences.

There are not many persons among the swarms of pedestrians who pass along the south side of Chestnut street, beyond the first cross street, who see continuous lines of splendid structures upon both sides, and who note the business hum and bustle of the locality, who realize that no more than the best of the last century there were but a few buildings...

The house, which was of wood, was of circular form on Chestnut and Sixth streets, and its height was eighty feet in diameter. The walls were eighteen feet in height, with a conical roof of cedar canvas, and a fifty feet high from the ground to the top of a flying Mercury.

The house immediately became popular, and the manager adopted a liberal regard for his enterprise. At that time the "New Theatre" was opened on the opposite side of the street, and Mr. Wignell, its manager, looked with no friendly eye upon the property of his neighbor, whose horses drew better than his own.

The fire, which the superstitious considered an act of providential punishment for making the infernal regions the subject of a scenic display, had an origin that was not all in accordance with this belief. A drunken carpenter had entered the room, and some old scenery, and he had stupidly gone away again, leaving a lighted candle near the roof that the latter took fire.

By way of contrast with the present mode of reporting events of such importance, in this conflagration, we will copy from a newspaper of the day an account of the fire.

That the conflagration should be widespread is no matter of surprise, when the fact is taken into consideration that the water thrown upon the flames was obtained from pumps and conveyed by means of buckets to the interior of the building.

various mutations, they have been converted from private residences into hotels, offices, &c. As the business character of the neighborhood was developed, they were also gone down, and their sites are to be swallowed up in the extensive improvement in progress.

By way of adding to the completeness of our sketch, we will append to our history of the corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, a brief account of the early history of the ground west of it to Seventh street. "O'Ellers' Hotel was, in its time, the leading house in the city. It is a modern idea that a hotel, like a grocery or a dwelling should be planned and built with special reference to the use to which it is to be applied.

During the same year the trustees purchased a lot of ground one hundred and thirty feet deep, on the north side of the street, above Sixth, for the sum of \$4,750. In 1787 the lot was improved, but the trustees finding that they had erected a building which was too costly for the school was removed to humbler quarters, and the property was sold for \$10,722.

From our Third Edition of Yesterday From Washington, June 21.—The Imperial decree of the Emperor of Austria, for the protection of merchant vessels in time of war, has been officially communicated to the Department of State. It provides as follows:

Article 1. Merchant vessels and their cargoes shall not, because they may belong to a country with which Austria is at war, be captured by Austrian ships of war, nor be declared good prizes by Austrian ships of war.

Article 2. To merchant vessels which carry contraband of war, or violate laws of blockade, the provisions of article one are no application. The mail transportation on the 1st day of July will far exceed that of any previous year.

PHILADELPHIA AND BRADING RAILROAD COMPANY. OFFICE 27 SOUTH FOURTH STREET. DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Transfer Book will be closed on Friday, June 22nd, and re-opened on Friday, July 2nd.

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majority and minority reports to be bound together, and On motion of Mr. Stevens (Pa.), it was ordered so as to make the number one hundred thousand.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Commodore Rogers, commander of the Navy Department, has received the information that the United States steamer Vanderbilt arrived at Acapulco on the 20th of May, with the Monardoc, after a passage of 81 days from Panama.

The Fire at Mayaguez. WASHINGTON, June 21.—Commander Blenville, in a communication received by the Navy Department, dated the 11th of June 11th, gives the particulars of the fire at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, by which two hundred houses were destroyed.

The Canadian Confederation. TORONTO, C. W., June 21.—The Legislature of the Province of Canada, which will adopt the Confederation scheme.

Markets. NEW YORK, June 21.—Cotton steady at 52 1/2. Flour advanced the sales of 6,200 barrels. State 48 1/2 to 49 1/2. Wheat dull, sales uncertain.

Sales at Philadelphia Stock Board. SALES AFTER FIRST BOARD. 18 1/2 Penna R.R. 48 1/2 Lehigh Nav 53 1/2 1000 R.R. 44 1/2 1000 R.R. 44 1/2 1000 R.R. 44 1/2

SPECIAL NOTICES. NOTICE. The undersigned corporation named in the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend the Act of Assembly, passed on the 23d day of March 1865, in relation to the Philadelphia and Brading Railroad Company."

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DELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY. INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1852. OFFICERS: JOHN E. BURNETT, President; STURGEON G. PHILADELPHIA, Vice President; J. M. HARRIS, Secretary.

ASSETS OF THE COMPANY. \$100,000 United States 5 per cent. loan, 71 1/2 ... \$72,500 00 20,000 United States 7 1/2 per cent. loan ... 14,975 00 10,000 State of Pennsylvania Five Per Cent. Loan ... 7,500 00 50,000 State of Pennsylvania Six Per Cent. Loan ... 37,500 00

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LIVERPOOL and LONDON and GLOBE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$10 Millions. INVESTED FUNDS, OVER 16 Millions. YEARLY REVENUE, OVER 5 Millions.

ATWOOD SMITH, General Agent for Pennsylvania. No. 6 Merchants' Exchange. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. ASSETS ON JANUARY 1, 1866, \$2,506,851 96.

FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. ASSETS ON JANUARY 1, 1866, \$2,506,851 96.

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REAL ESTATE. THE NEW BULLETIN BUILDING, No. 607 Chestnut Street. WILL BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS.

THE WHOLE OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE BUILDING. Four Stories High, with Entrance by a wide hall on Chestnut street.

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MILINERY GOODS. Mrs. R. Dillon, 325 and 331 South Street. Has a handsome assortment of SPRING MILLinery Goods.

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THE FINE ARTS. A. S. ROBINSON, 910 CHESTNUT STREET. LOOKING GLASSES, PAINTINGS, Engravings and Photographs.