

Burning of the Louisville Theatre.

[From the Louisville Journal, 11th.] At 12 o'clock last night we were startled by cries of fire from the rear of our office, and on looking out we discovered flames issuing from the southeast corner of the Louisville Theatre. The alarm spread from mouth to mouth, and in a few minutes a large crowd had rallied in advance of the steam engines and broken into the theatre, to suppress the fire, if possible. Mr. Tom Carey and others worked heroically with the water pipes belonging to the house, but all their exertions were unavailing. The flames enveloped the scenery and other combustible material on and about the stage in a very short time, and when the engines arrived the fire had so far progressed that it seemed impossible either to confine or prevent a spread of the conflagration. In less than half an hour from the first alarm, the theatre building was entirely consumed. The real origin of the fire is unknown. It is conjectured that the scenery was set on fire by the wadding from a gun discharged during the performance last evening. Another supposition is that the property room was set on fire by incendiary. The wind was blowing stiffly, with the fire occurred and the cinders were whirled about for many squares. The splendid Jewish Synagogue adjoining the theatre, being to windward and near the theatre, was soon enveloped, and before water was brought to bear upon the roof was entirely burned in. By falling debris and water the whole interior of the theatre was ruined to an extent that will render it almost irreparable. Several other houses in the neighborhood narrowly escaped destruction by the rain of cinders, which fell as if from heaven for a wide circuit around the theatre. Buckets and blankets were vigorously used upon the house-tops, and by the most active and watchful measures the extension of the fire was intercepted. As it is, however, the catastrophe will prove alarmingly destructive to the loss upon the Louisville Theatre will not be less than \$50,000. It was insured for \$100,000 only, in the Hope Company of this city. This insurance reverts to John Bates, of St. Louis, the original owner of the building, from whom Mr. George Fuller purchased it, and afterwards transferred it to Col. Maro Mundy. The misfortune to Col. Mundy is very great, and he has and will have the sympathies of the entire public. To our citizens the loss of the theatre will be sensibly felt. It was one of the most complete and elegant theatres in the West, and we cannot hope to have another that will so fully meet all the requirements of a theatre-going people. The destruction of the theatre carried with it embarrassment and losses to the dramatic company that cannot be easily overcome. Their distresses will excite the sympathies of one and all in our community. Misses Kate and Ada Webb lost the valuable costumes worn by them in the plays last evening. Fortunately, the balance of their wardrobe was not in the theatre. Mr. Frank Taylor, the acting stage manager, suffered the loss of all his text books and music, the collections of ten or fifteen years. They were invaluable, and can never be replaced. Mr. Ernest Zoeler, leader of the orchestra, lost all his sheet and book music and a fine violin. Other members of the orchestra sustained losses of various kinds. It is impossible to approximate the value of other private property consumed.

Attempt to Take Freedom to Peru.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 16.—The rumor of an outbreak amongst the negroes, which prevailed here yesterday, is unfounded. It arose from the fact that a number were arrested last week as vagrants, and a promise of liberty if they would contract with Cheatham & Beach to work on the plantations in Mississippi. Their summary arrest caused reports that they were being sent to slavery, producing excitement which it is feared would create a riot. No fears of violence are now entertained.

Regulations for Appointments to the Regular Army.

The War Department, yesterday, issued the following regulations for the examination of candidates for appointments in the regular army: First—Boards for the examination of applicants for appointment in the army will not pass any candidate who has not the physical ability to endure the exposure of service; who have any deformity of body, or whose moral habits are bad. The regulation in case of candidates for the Reserve Corps is modified by the terms of the act admitting such as "have been wounded in the line of their duty, while serving in the army of the United States in the late war, and who may yet be competent for garrison or other duty to which that corps has heretofore been assigned."

Extra Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 16.—The Mississippi Legislature met yesterday, in extra session, for the purpose of considering the necessities of the State, and the call to call them together, not a special emergency, but a general exigency, resulting from the federal relations and desire to effect the removal of the negro troops from the State and the transfer of the Freedmen's Bureau to the officers of the regular army.

Mexican Affairs—The Liberal Defeat not Credited.

The news of the defeat of General Escobedo by Mejia, is not believed in Washington. The last dates from the city of Mexico received are up to the 30th ult. Gen. Mejia was then about starting from the city of Mexico to San Luis Potosi. It is utterly impossible that in fifteen days he could have marched from the city of Mexico to Monterey, a distance of nearly eight hundred miles, could have captured Monterrey, and the news of it been received at Mexico.

The Power of Congress.

In the case of Luther against Borden, given in 7 How, United States Reports, p. 1, (which arose out of "Dorr war," in Rhode Island) the Supreme Court held that under the fourth section of the Constitution, providing that the United States should guarantee to every State a republican form of government, &c.

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