Burning of the Orleans Theatre at New Orleans.

[From the Picayune of Friday Evening, Dec. 7.]

This morning, about 6 o'clock, the Orleans Theatre, on Orleans street, between Royal and Bourbon streets, was discovered to be on fire. The general alarm was soon afte sounded, and our firemen, ever prompt, were on hand from every part of the city. It was a rainy and dismal morning, and would appear rather an unpropitious time for fire.

The fire originated on the second floor in that portion of the theatre used as a dressing room, and which fronts on St. Ann street. It was the general impression this morning, that the firing of the theatre was the work of incendiarism. We did not learn that any particular one had been suspected. It was stated to us, however, on good authority, that on yesterday evening there was a misunderstanding between the manager and some of the actors in regard to salaries. Some of the actors had declined to play any more until they were paid. The matter was finally settled, or so arranged, and the performance last night went on as usual.

The fire soon spread throughout the entire building. That portion of the building which contained the theatre, was the first to be enveloped in the flames; then came that portion in which was the famed Orleans Ball Room. It was soon one sheet of flame, and burning roof and rafters came down with a crash. The flames then leaped up, wreathing themselves about the walls and through the windows like hissing serpents. We watched their billowy and writhing volumes as they enveloped the entire building. It was a scene of fearful beauty.

After the falling in of the roof of that portion of the building where the theatre was, the wall fronting on Orleans street came down with a thundering crash. The firemen having seen at once, when they arrived upon the ground, that the building could not be saved; used all their efforts to prevent an extension of the fire, and they succeeded finely.

The Orleans Theatre was one of our oldest buildings, having been erected in 1817 by a Mr. Lambert, father of Mr. J. Lambert, who is a member of the bar of this city, and residing on Toulouse street. The architect of the building was a Mr. Thibaut. The building was constructed with some architectural taste, and though it has stood the wind and rain for nearly fifty years, it presented quite a neat and handsome appearance. It was noted as a place of amusement and pleasure and dissipation, and even crime, long years ago, when portions of the city, where now is the heart of trade, and where stately edifices now stand, was a marsh and a swamp, filled with reptiles and varmints. Many a pleasant moment, many an entertaining hour has been spent in the old Orleans Theatre. In the Orleans Ball Room, noted throughout the whole country, many a moment, full of recklessness and revelry, has been spent by those who have tasted of dissipation. This ball room has been the scene of orgies that would require a pen of flame to paint. Its day is over, and it is now one mass of ruin.

We understand there was an insurance of $10,000 on the theatre, which was leased by Mr. Debrinay. The drinking saloon under the theatre was owned by Hypolite Percival, and the billiard saloon by Ernest Richards. The billiard saloon was insured for $6,000. We did not learn what insurance, if any, was on the ball-room. We suppose there must have been, as it recently underwent repair, and had been neatly finished up.

The Orleans Theatre belonged to Mr. Parlange, a gentleman of wealth, well-known in our midst for his public spirit and, especially, his enterprise in providing intellectual entertainments for our people. We sympathize deeply with him in his great loss. The present Lessee and Manager was Lawrence Labrunie, a gentleman of energy and enterprise in his profession, who early in the season, brought out for us from Paris a very fine company, numbering some fifty artists, many of whom had been deservedly popular in the best theatres of France. He brought out, also, at great expense, new scenery and costumes, with the design of reproducing here, in the same style, as at Paris, the most interesting of the "French Theatre Contemporain." Excellent audiences attended all these performances, and for Sunday night next was underlined the celebrated play "Marianne, or the Vivandiere of the 33d Demi Brigade," illustrated by seven magnificent tableaux. But it was fated that it never should be produced in that building nor in that locality till another and even a more beautiful theatre shall arise, as we hope will soon be the case, on its smouldering ruins.

Facts and Fancies.

THE LAST OF SIR LAUNFAL.

Ring slow the bell with solemn toll,
And let the gloomy echoes roll
Like thunder overhead:
For, oh, Sir Launfal, gallant knight
As ever wielded brand in fight,
Sir Launfal is gone dead.

Say, did some paynim warrior fierce,
The gallant chieftain's bosom pierce,
With his relentless sword?
Or was the hero of romance
By some accursed soldan's lance,
Unpityingly bored?

Ah, no—alackaday! ah, no!
No vaunting foeman laid him low,
A cold 'twas—in his head,
The squire who him for fight prepared,
Forgot to have his helmet aired,
And that's how he's gone dead!

London Fun.

A special car had to be chartered to carry a huge turnip to a Western editor. It was judicious to send it by a special car, for if it had been detained too long on the road, it might have turned to a car-rot.

A Frenchman has invented an air-gun which he calculates is capable of killing off the inhabitants of the earth in about fourteen years. Let him try it, if he dares.

A Virginia Court has decided that a wife's clothing belongs to her husband. Possibly the Judge referred to ladies who assume the marital pantaloon.

What air does the young mouse sing to the old mouse, when biting his way through the scenery at the opera? "Hear me gnaw, ma."

The following neat puff appears in the obituary column of a London paper:

"On the 20th inst., at No. 3, Crescent, Cliftengrove, Peckham, Mrs. Jenny Vance, the dearly beloved wife of A. G. Vance, Esq., the popular comedian and vocalist, respected and esteemed by all who knew her. Her end was peace."

It is an ancient conundrum, "Why was Queen Elizabeth more remarkable than Napoleon Bonaparte? Because he was a *wonder*, but she was a *Tu-dor*." But there is an improvement on it: A Norfolk farmer built himself a homestead, and instead of one "half door" in the middle, set a door in each wing. Being asked why he called his house "Elizabethan," he replied, "Because, you see, it is a *Tu-dor* cottage."

There is an epidemic among the Southern Indiana turkeys. It will be raging here in about a weeek.

The champagne cellars at Epernay are about four miles long and contain five million bottles. It seems almost incredible that such cellars should ever be dry.

The western wool growers are in a high state of agitation at the proposed reduction of the duty on wool. They say it will send all their sheep to the butcher. The consequences will be lamb-on-table.

The President of the Georgia Senate said, the other day, "it was the duty of the people to obey all the laws and cleave to the Constitution, but that human forbearance had its limits, and the worm would turn if trodden upon." Georgia, in her original character of "The Worm," will make a sensation. We supposed that the last severe turn which she had would satisfy her for a while.

The Boston *Advertiser* malignantly asserts that "there is a village in Pennsylvania called Longacoming." The *Tiser* will please correct the libel. Longacoming is in New Jersey.

A hat worn by Napoleon at Eglace brought 1,820f. at a recent sale. Its principal value was in its peculiar Nap.

A New York banker has made a wager that he will ride two horses standing, and driving four-in-hand around Central Park. His rival undertakes to do it with his two horses lying down.

Rogers used to relate this story: An Englishman and a Frenchman fought a duel in a darkened room. The Englishman, unwilling to take his antagonist's life, generously fired up the chimney, and—brought down the Frenchman. "When I tell this story in France," pleasantly added the relator, "I make the Englishman go up the chimney."

MARRIED.

BENTLY—WILSON.—On the 9th inst., in Newark N. J., by Rev. Robert Atkinson, Mr Abram Bently and Miss Miriam Wilson, all of that city.

DINGEE—IVENS.—On the 13th instant, at No. 154 North Broad street, by Friends' ceremony, in the presence of Mayor McMichael, Albert H. Dingee and Emma, daughter of Aaron S. Ivens, all of this city.

FAIRCHILD—PARKER.—On 12th inst., at Yorkville N. Y., by the Rev. Dr. Chauncey, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hoyt, John E. Fairchild to Harriet L., daughter of John C. Parker, Esq., all of New York.

HOLLENBACK—FERGUSON.—At N. York, Dec. 13 by Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., John W. Hollenback, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., to Mrs. Josephine Ferguson, daughter of John Woodward, Esq., of New York.

JENKINS—CUTHBERTSON.—On Dec 12th, at the bride's residence, by Rev. J. Robison, Mr Morgan Jenkins and Miss Retta M. Cuthbertson, all of Allegheny.

JOHNSON—SPAIN.—On the 13th day of December, 1866 at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. H. R. Calloway, Mr. Edmund J. Johnson to Miss Henrietta A., youngest daughter of Edward Spain, all of Philadelphia.

KANOUSE—DAVIS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 12th inst., by Rev. D. W. Poe, D. D., Mr. Edward Kanouse to Miss Emma L., daughter of Aaron Davis, Esq., all of Newark N. J.

WHYTE—HALLETT.—On the 11th inst., at New York, by the Rev. R. P. Rogers, Mr. W. E. Whyte of West Pittston, Pa., to Mrs. B. M. Hallett, of N. York.

DIED.

BROCK.—On the 12th instant, Charles Henry Brock, in the 27th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father-in-law, Charles Wannemacher, 719 North Fifth street, on Monday afternoon, at one o'clock. Interment at Laurel Hill.

CHAUNCY.—At New York, Dec. 14, Rev. Peter S. Chauncy, D. D., Rector of St James's Church, N. York, aged 58 years.

CHEW.—At Cliveden, Germantown, on the morning of Wednesday, December 12th, 1866, Henry Banning Chew, aged 68 years.

The remains will be interred at Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

BILL.—On 14th inst., Winfield Scott, son of Edmund and Martha G. Bill aged 2 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his parents' residence, S. E. corner of Sixth and Jefferson streets, on Monday, 17th inst., at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

LEVY.—On Friday, 14th inst., Lyon J. Levy, in the 19th year of his age.

His male relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 521 Lombard street on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

LEVY.—On the evening of the 14th inst. John P., the only child of E. L. and Ellie L. Levy, aged 9 mos and 9 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, South Fortieth street, on Monday afternoon, hex., at 3 o'clock. 1t

NAPIER.—At Jamaica L. I., December 14, Andrew Napier, in the 43d year of his age.

OGILVIE.—At Wattebester, N. Y., Dec. 13, after a short illness, Archibald Ogilvie, in the 53d year of his age.

ROCKWELL.—At King Ferry, Dec. 13, suddenly, Charles W. Rockwell, aged 67 years.

RUTHERFORD.—On Dec. 12, at N. Y. city, Helen, daughter of Jane and Margaret V. Rutherford.

SMITH.—At Uniontown, Pa., Friday, Dec. 14th, Daniel Smith eldest son of Francis G. Smith, of Philadelphia, in the 19th year of his age.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

A GREAT MEETING IN BEHALF OF "THE MISSION HOUSE OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES," will be held on SUNDAY EVENING at 7½ o'clock, in the CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, NINETEENTH and WALNUT streets.

SPEAKERS.

Rev. H. J. MORGAN, D.D.,
Rev. M. A. DE W. HOWE, D.D.,
Rev. R. B. CLAXTON, D.D.,
Rev. RICHARD NEWTON, D.D.

A collection will be taken up. 1t

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sixth st. street, above Green.—Rev. R. W. Henry D.D., pastor. Services at 10½ o'clock in the morning and 7½ in the evening. The introduction to a series of sabbath Evening Discourses on "The Appearances of our Lord after the Resurrection," will be preached to-morrow evening, subject—"The Funeral of the Saviour." Strangers always welcome. 1t*

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSOR, Protestant Episcopal, Spring Garden, below Broad. Sunday morning the Rector, J. W. Bonham, will preach a sermon on "The more sure Word of Prophecy," and in the evening on "The Triumphant Messiah ending Satan's sway." Services at 10.30 A. M., and 7.30 P. M. Strangers welcome. 1t*

FIRST REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, corner Seventh and Spring Garden streets, Rev. J. H. Suydam, Pastor.—Services in the morning at 10½ o'clock and in the evening at 7½ o'clock. All are invited, particularly strangers in the city. 1t*

WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN church, corner of Eighteenth street. Rev. Edward L. Clark, of Boston, Mass., will preach to-morrow at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P.M. Strangers made welcome. 1t*

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Locust street, above Fifteenth.—Preaching to-morrow at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by Rev. W. C. Cattell, D. D., President of Lafayette College. 1t*

CLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Twenty second and Mount Vernon streets.—Services morning and night, where all will be welcome. 1t*

REV WILLIAM WILDER WILL PREACH in Green Hill hall, S. E. corner seventeenth and Poplar streets, to-morrow afternoon, at 3½ o'clock. 1t*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Washington square, Rev. Albert Barnes, Pastor. Services to-morrow, 10½ A. M., 3½ P. M. Strangers invited. 1t*

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, Franklin street above Brown. Services to-morrow at 10½ o'clock in the morning, and at 7½ o'clock in the evening, by Rev. J. R. Karcher. 1t*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH.—THE NEXT sermon to the young on *Bible Jewels*, at the Church of the Epiphany, to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock. 1t*

REV. W. W. NEWELL will preach at Langstroth's Hall, Germantown, to-morrow Morning, at 11½ o'clock, and Evening at 7½. Subject in the Evening—"Jesus Christ." 1t*

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Broad and Oxford streets.—Rev Samuel Crittenden will preach to-morrow at 10½ A. M. Rev. Frank L. Robbins at 7½ P. M. All welcome. 1t*

GERMANTOWN SECOND PRESBYTERIAN Church, Tulpehocken and Green streets.—Preaching to-morrow morning at 10½, and evening at 7½, by Rev. Matthew Newkirk, Jr. 1t*

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH, TENTH and Filbert streets, Rev. J. W. Schenck, Pastor. Service at 10½ o'clock, morning, and 7½ evening. 1t*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GERMANTOWN.—Service every Sunday Evening, at 7½ o'clock. Seats all free. Celes 6t*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Third street, below Walnut.—Service to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock. 1t*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

KENSINGTON SOUP HOUSE, 247 ALLEN STREET, Dec 12, 1866

At a meeting of the Managers of the Kensington Soup Society, held this evening, Mr. DANIEL B MILLER was elected the duly authorized Agent to collect and receive contributions in money, flour, meat or vegetables for the Society. Donations will be thankfully received by him or the Officers of the Institution.

GEORGE STOCKHAM, President, N. E. Seventh and Archers; ELIAS GARRISON, Vice President, 1631 Shackamaxon st; GEO. J. HAMILTON Treasurer, 1616 Marlborough st; CHARLES M. LUKENS, Secretary, 1635 Beach street. de 5,6t*

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME, Corner of BROAD street and COLUMBIA avenue, is open for the admission of Girls from twelve to eighteen years of age, who are neglected or deserted by their parents, and who need the shelter and instruction of a Christian home. If the public will sustain this institution many girls may be kept from evil and made respectable and useful women.

Contributions may be sent to James T. Shinn, Treasurer, Broad and Spruce streets. no22 rpif

REGALIA! A. P. A.—At a FESTIVAL and FANCY FAIR, to be held at GLORIA Dei (Old Swedes') CHURCH, the oldest Protestant Church in Pennsylvania, distant a three minutes' walk from the Philadelphia Navy Yard, during the week, commencing MONDAY December 17th, a Regalia of the A. P. A., of the costliest and richest pattern will be voted for, and awarded to the Lodge securing the greatest number of votes. Votes 25 cts. each. de13 3trp*

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A HIGH ENDORSEMENT.—The following is one among the hundreds of communications received in reference to the "Morning Glory" Stove, now being sold in this city by Mr. John S. Clarke, No. 1008 Market street:

[Letter from Rev. J. W. Schenck.]

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27, 1866.

J. S. CLARK, Esq., 1008 Market street:

DEAR SIR: With great pleasure I accede to your request to give you a word of commendation of the "Morning Glory," which you are now introducing to the notice of our citizens. Pleasure, because I can do it with sincerity, and because I am persuaded I can contribute something thereby to the comfort of my fellows.

I know the "Morning Glory," having seen it or used it ever since its career began.

By virtue of a pleasant experience I am enabled to testify to the following excellent properties of the "Morning Glory:"

First. Thorough Consumption of Fuel.—It is a base burner, the great idea of which is to keep the fuel constantly in immediate contact with the fire. Nothing intervening to prevent the supply of such elements of the atmosphere as are needed for thorough combustion, all that can burn is burned, and nothing but real refuse is thrown away.

Second. Economy in Fuel.—No more can burn than a sufficiency to keep the fire alive, and no new fuel is supplied until it is needed to continue combustion. It requires but little more than half the fuel which the thorough draft stoves require. But this economy is more apparent in the fact that,

Third. Because of the thorough consumption of the fuel, including the gas it furnishes, a greater proportion of heat to the fuel used than other stoves. I have used a great variety of stoves and none has given me such satisfaction in this particular as the "Morning Glory."

Fourth. Regularity and Uniformity of Heat.—The process of combustion goes on proportionate in vigor to the amount of draft. You may have a slothful smoulder or a bright blaze all day and all night as you desire; and this leads me to speak.

Fifth. Of Convenience—The "Morning Glory" never asks more of you than you clear the fire surface once in twelve and supply the cylinder once in twenty-four hours.

I have kept fire in moderate weather, with a uniform heat, forty eight hours without touching the stove.

Sixth. But not least, Cleanliness—an apparatus, most simple, belongs to it, by which a strong draft is carried entirely around the fire where nothing obstructs it, by which the ashes, when shaking the grate, are carried up away from the room; and lastly, it is a good ventilator.

Indeed, all the qualities that can constitute a "Capital" stove belong to it. Fifteen years study and experience, embracing many varieties of stove, is the source whence I draw the declaration. Were all the varieties of stoves arranged before me, and my choice as a life, offered of all besides, I would gracefully decline the gift and buy the "Morning Glory" because I value my comfort and love to have as little trouble from my comforts as possible.

Yours, very truly,

J. W. SCHENCK,
Pastor Third Reformed Church,
Tenth and Filbert streets.

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