THE GREAT FIRE IN CHICAGO.

The Loss Over Twe Million of Dollars.

Most Destructive Fire Ever Known in Chicago

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The great Lake street fire last night, in four short hours, converted one entire five-story mar-ble front business palace, and the best portion of the finest iron front block in Chicago, with their valuable contents, into a mass of smouldering-ruins and worthless ashes. It was the most de-structive fire that ever visited our city. The loss is a fleast four times greater than that of the great structive fire that ever visited our city. The loss is at least four times greater than that of the great fire of 1859, which broke out on Lake street, just west of the river, and burned over four blocks. It also greatly exceeds in destructiveness the terrible Lake street fire of 1857, though, happily, unattended by the skeening loss of human life, which rendered that confingration memorable.

The origin of last night's fire is wrapped in mystery. A few minutes before 7 o'clock, a young man boarding at No. 89 Michigan avenue saw three men emerge from the stairway leading saw three men emerge from the stairway leading to the upper floors of Nos. 39 and 41 Lake street, over the bookstore of S. C. Griggs & Co. In less than a minute thereafter he saw smoke bursting

through the upper windows, and he immediately gave the alarm.

The Fire Department, headed by Chief Harris, was promptly on the scene and that, too, before the slightest ray of light had been seen at the windows. A volume of smoke was pouring from the windows of the upper (lifth) story, and it was not until at least fifteen minutes thereafter that flames burst through.

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Nos. 39 and 41 formed a portion of that magnificent five-story iron-front business palace, commencing at the corner of lake street and Wabash avenue, extending south half a block on the avenue, and west nearly to State street, on Lake street. This was known as "Burch's Build-Lake street. It is was known as strongth rendering," far and near, its beauty and strength rendering it an ornament to the city. It is now a mass of ruins. Within an hour from the time that the flames shot through the windows a flerce gale of wind from the west had driven the fire entirely through the building to Wabash avenue, and within another hour the Wabash avenue front was also destroyed and the walls in crumbling

on the opposite side of Wabash avenue stands the mammoth dry goods house of J. V. Farwell & Co. The escape of this building was miraculous. The fire in Burch's building was the fiercest and hottest we ever saw. The flames leaped entirely across the street, rendering it necessary to keep four streams of water directed against the almost red-hot walls of Mr. Farwell's building, which, however, escaped in a somewhat singed and damaged condition.

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While the fire was at its height in the Burch building, a flake of fire descended into an area of No. 20, on the north side of Lake street, between Wabash and Michigan avenues, occupied by Carson, Pirie & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers, and coming in contact with the goods, another conflagration was almost instantly in full blast. The fire speedily communicated with the highly combustible contents of Burnham & Van Schaack's wholesale drug store, adjoining on the east, and, notwithstanding the desperate efforts Schaack's wholesale drug store, adjoining on the cast, and, notwithstanding the desperate efforts of the firemen, the flames reached across the alley, and within an hour another five-story marble-front block, extending east to Michigan avenue, was in ruins, as was also an adjacent building to the north, on Michigan avenue.

Here was renewed the fierce fight of the firemen, in which they had been the victors on Wabash.

Here was renewed the hierce light of the hremen, in which they had been the victors on Wabash avenue, to save the Adams House, which was now in imminent danger on Michigan avenue. Gnests poured out of that hotel, and with bag and baggage sought cooler quarters. The house was saved, however, thanks to the herculean labors of the firemen, and this was their decisive victory over the configuration—the most destructive that over the conflagration—the most destructive that ever visited Chicago.

But for the fact that a recent snow-storm had rendered the roofs of buildings fire-proof, the confiagration would have been much more disas-Such continuous showers of spar myriads of flaming torches were never before seen driving through the air. The adjoining streets were aglow with living coals of fire that rained down, while out over the lake, as far as the eye could reach, could be traced the flight of

the flery shower.

At least £fty thousand people shivered in the cold or blistered in the flerce heat while the conflagration continued. It was an intensely cold night, but the crowd showed no perceptible thin-

ning out.
The fire originated on the south side of Lake street, between State and Wabash avenues, and destroyed everything down to Wabash avenue and around the corner to the alley half-way to and arother the second break-out occurred on the north side of Lake street, between Wabash and Michigan avenues, and burned its way to and Michigan avenues, and burned is way to Michigan avenue and to the north along that avenue nearly to South Water street. There is no doubt that the loss will greatly exceed two millions of dollars, and as a general thing the

losses are covered by insurance.
The following details will be read with interest:
Burch's building comprised Nos. 33 to 41 on Lake
street, and 39 to 45 on Wabash avoilte. It was a street, and 39 to 45 on Wabash avenue. It was a five-story structure, and was built nine years ago, at an expense of \$330,000. With the exception of No. 43, occupied by Fiske, Kirtland & Co., the building is an entire loss. Nos. 39 and 41, together with the basement, were occupied by Messrs. S. C. Griggs & Co., wholesale booksellors. Their stock, which was valued at about Their stock, which was valued at about

by Messrs. S. C. Griggs & Co., wholesale booksellers. Their stock, which was valued at about \$200,000, was entirely destroyed. Among the stock were many rareland valuable works, which cannot, in some instances, be replaced. The firm is reported adequately insured.

Fiske, Kiriland & Co. occupied No. 43. Their business is that of wholesale boots and shoes. Their stock, valr \(\) at \(\frac{3}{3} \), 000, was damaged to the extent of \(\frac{5}{3} \). 00, on which is full insurance. Webster, Marsh & Co. occupied the upper part of No. 43 as a wholesale clothing establishment. Their loss will approximate \(\frac{3}{3} \). 500; fully ment. Their loss will approximate \$5,500; fully

Rosenfels Bro. occupied the third floor of Nos.

Roseniels Bro. occupied the third floor of Nos. 39 and 41 Lake street. Their stock, consisting of hits and caps, represented in value \$60,000 and was totally destroyed. Their insurance was only partial. M'Dougal, Nicholas & Co., whole-gole declars and magnification of the control of the caps. sale dealers and manufacturers of boots and shoes, occupied the second, third, fourth and fifth floors of Nos. 33 and 35, and all the upper part of that portion of the block front-ing on Wabash avenue excepting the second floors of Nos. 39 and 45. Their stock was about \$200,000 in value and was entirely consumed. The insurance is estimated at about \$140,000. L The insurance is estimated at about \$140,000. L. Schoenfeld & Co. occupied the second floors of Nos. 39 and 41 Lake street, as a wholesale clothing establishment. Their stock was estimated at \$30,000, all of which was entirely consumed. Haywood, Cartledge & Honore, hardware merchants, occupied the ground floor of No. 37 Lake street. The store extended back to the alley and had a Wabash avenue front at No. 43. Their stock, valued at \$70,000, was entirely consumed. Their insurance will cover about a third of their loss. Manning Bros. & West, dry goods merchants, occuance will cover about a third vities. States are a consider the ground floor and basement of No. 35 Lake street, with a stock of goods valued at \$40,000. The store occupied also No. 41 Wabash avenue. Their loss was total and insurance about half. Simon & Strauss, and the street are about a street the consider the street and the street are about the street are are about the street are about the street are about the street are also are wholesale dealers in clothing, occupied the first floor and basement of No. 33 Lake street. The value of their stock is claimed to be \$100,000, The value of their stock is claimed to be \$100,000, scarcely any of which was saved. Their insurance is reported small.

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E. R. Kellogg & Co. occupied the lower floor of No. 45 Wabash avenue as a wholesale hat and cap establishment. Their stock was estimated at \$45,000. Nothing was saved. The goods were only partly insured. R. G. Dun & Co. occupied the second story of No. 45 Wabash avenue as a commercial agency. They saved their books, but their office furniture, valued at \$2,000, was entirely consumed. Dun & Co. are fully insured. NORTH SIDE OF LAKE STREET—C. M. HENDER-

NORTH SIDE OF LAKE STREET-C. M. HENDER-Son & co.
This firm occupied Nos. 4, 6 and 8 Lake street, and was one of the largest wholesale boot and shoe firms in the West. The building was a fine marble front, the first floor and basement being marine from, the first noor and basement pends occapied as a salesroom, and the upper two stories as store rooms. No effort being made to save the goods until the destruction of the building became apparent, only a few boxes of goods were removed. Their loss amounted to about \$125,000, which was fully covered to increase \$1.000. \$125,000, which was fully covered by insurance. B Harris occupied the second floor over Henderson & Co. as a wholesale clothing store, and had ocoupled it but a short time. A small portion of his stock was removed. Loss about \$30,000; fully insured. Fitch, Williams & Co., Nos. 10,

12 and 14 Lake street, wholesale dealers in hats, caps and furs, occupied the first floor. The intense heat from the drug-store of Burnhams &. caps and furs, occupied the first noor. The interes heat from the drug-store of Burnhams & Van Schaack, across the alley, enveloped this building in flames almost instantaneously, and, although an effort was made to remove a portion of the goods, but comparatively little could be taken out before the building had to be given up to the flames. The first had about \$50,000 worth of goods destroyed; insurance, \$45,000. Keith, Wood & Co., immediately above, and occupying all the three floors, were wholesale dealers in fancy goods and notions. So sudden was the whole upper portion wrapped in flames that no time was given for the removal of anything, and a few minutes after the building commenced burning the whole of this magnificent structure crumbled down with a deafening roar like that of artillery. The loss was about \$100,000, which was nearly covered by insurance. Burnhams & Van Schaack, whose store was at No. 16 Lake, and which was a large wholesale drug store whose store was at No. To have, and which was a large wholesale drug store was filled from top to bottom with drugs and chemicals, and as soon as the fire obtained headway therein explosions commenced, and in a few moments the whole establishment was enveloped in themse done relieves of smake and finshes of in flames, dense volumes of smoke and flashes of blue and green issuing through the doors and windows on all sides and directions. Their losss was about \$50,000, and was about two-thirds covered by insurance. Foreman Brothers, wholesale clothing merchants, occupied No. 18, whose stock was a total loss. Their loss is estimated at \$75,000; insured for \$45,000. C. E. Cook, contractor and builder, was engaged in fitting up the upper portion of No. 18, and his work was nearly completed. His loss in lumber, tools, finished work and material reaches nearly \$5,000, on which there is no insurance. Carson, n flames, dense volumes of smoke and flashes of

tools, finished work and material reaches nearly \$5,000, on which there is no insurance. Carson, Pirle & Co. occupied the first floor of No. 20 as a wholesale dry goods store, where the fire first communicated from the south side of Lake street, their stock being a total loss, and valued at \$100,000; insured for \$80,000. Merrill & Hopkins, crockery dealers, occupied the upper floor of No. 20, but owing to the heavy nature of their stock nothing was occupied the upper floor of No. 20, but owing to the heavy nature of their stock nothing was removed. Loss estimated at \$35,000; insured for \$15,000. At Whitney Bros, & Yundt, to whose store (No. 22) the fire spread from the building adjoining, although not so rapidly as those east of it, owing to the direction of the wind, very little was saved. It was occupied as a whole-sale boot and shoe store and manufactory. Their stock amounted to \$40,000; fully covered by insurance. Seymour, Carter & Co., wholesale dealers in hosiery, gloves and notions, over No. 22, suffered a loss of their entire stock—amounting to \$85,000 on which over No. 22, suhered a loss of their entire stock—amounting to \$85,000, on which there was an insurance of \$55,000. The building Nos. 4, 6, and 8 Lake street was owned by Mr. C. H. McCormick, and was valued at \$100,000. The structure occupied the corner of Lake street and Michigan avenue. It was a beau-tiful marble front building, erected about two years since. It was insured for two years since. It was insured for about \$50,000. Mr. McCormick also owned the building in the rear, occupied by Mr. Daniel Lynch as a saloon, restaurant and boarding-thouse. H. A. Kohn, Esq., occupied the building Nos. 10. 12 and 14 Lake. It was valued at \$90, The building Nos. 16, 18, 20
22 was owned by Mr. Sawyer, and was valued at \$100,000, upon which there was an insurance of about \$75,000. The

saloon, restaurant and boarding-house in the rear of Mr. Henderson's boot and shoe store was occupied by Daniel Lynch. Loss \$8,000; no instrument insurance. The Ohio Bailroad Accident—Particu-lars of the Disaster.

[From the Cincinnati Commercial, of Jan. 29th.] iFrom the Cincinnati Commercial, of Jan. 20th.]
About 12 o'clock last night the 6 P. M. train from Cincinnati, on the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, when about one mile east of North Lewisburg, Champaign county, Ohio, was thrown from the track by the dislodgment of a rail. The train consisted of two passenger coaches and one sleeping-car, besides the freight-car and tender, all of which, with the exception of the second or middle passenger coach, were precipitated or upset into a ditch some five or six feet deep. Strange to say, while the tender was cipitated or upset into a ditch some five or six feet deep. Strange to say, while the tender was turned bottom-upward, the locomotive retained its place on the track with the exception of the hind wheels; and had the tender not become detached, the engine must have followed the cars down the embankment. The accident occurred near a culvert, and the train was in charge of conductor Mr. John C. Brinsley, of Crestline, Ohio. The sleeping-car almost directly took fire from the kerosene lamp in the rear end of the car, and then fiames followed, first in the centre, and then in the other end, soon wrapping it in roaring end, soon wrapping it in roaring flames. The first car soon took fire, followed by the second, which latter was the only one not clearly keeled over. Fortunately, the train was not crowded, and all were extricated from the

not crowded, and all were extricated from the mass of chaos before the flames had reached them. Mr. Peter Miller, of Bolusville, a commission merchant, had his right leg broken in two places below the knee. Mr. J. Monk, of Duquoin, Illinois, sustained the fracture of two ribs, and, it is foared, is injured internally. Of the three ladies on board, no one was injured beyond a few scratches; but, this morning, after having been moved to a flospitable cottage hard by, one gave birth to a fine pitable cottage hard by, one gave birth to a fine boy, and both mother and child are doing "as well as could be expected." The contents of the express and baggage cars were entirely rescued

without damage.
Among the passengers, Mr. Louis Sweet, of St. Louis, lost a chronometer, and money and clothing. Mr. Hermann Well, of Cincinnati, lost watches, clothing and money. Mr. Louis Erb, of New York, lost a sum of money, together with all his clothing and valuable papers. An Irishwoman lost a quantity of clothing.
The conductor is highly praised by all involved in the accident for his skill and presence of mind. It is thought that the engine broke the rail in first passing over the track; part of it was found lying frozen to the ground apart from the track; and there is no doubt that one and all owe their lives to the noble conduct of the officers in charge of the train. of the train.

Coal Pockets at Columbia. This is the name of the peculiar structure in course of being completed at the terminus of the Reading and Columbia Railroad, at the lattermeading and Cotamona mairoad, at the latter-named borough, on the castern shore of the Sus-quehanna river. They will be supported by two strong sand-stone piliars, or piers, fourteen feet in height and extend into a basin formed for the purpose and into which canal boats can be run from the river. They are twenty-four in purppurpose and into winer cannal boars of the river. They are twenty-four in number, each one containing a triangular space of sixteen by twenty feet, and having a capacity of ninety tons. They are intended to be used for unloading and loading of coal, and will hold and unloading and loading of coal, and will hold in
the aggregate, two thousand one hundred and
sixty tons. The daily deposit of clean coal in
these pockets after making a liberal deduction
for screenage, will be equal to sixteen hundred
and sixty tons. They are the work of the Reading and Columbia Railroad Company, and will
be completed at an immense amount of labor and
outlay. The advantage to be derived from them
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will be seen and felt hereafter. In order to give our readers an idea of the extent of this work, we would state that since the 20th of August last, thirteen thousand cubic yards of material have been removed from the space occupied by the basin. This result has been obtained by the use of Coffer dams, not-withstanding the work was several times suswithstanding the work was several times suspended by the floods of last summer. The plers which support the pockets are forty feet apart and are approached by an extension track from the end of the main one, and from which the cars laden with coal will be run. The coal cars will be so constructed that the bottoms can be opened without difficulty, and their contents amounted. so constructed that the bottoms can be opened without difficulty, and their contents emptied into the pockets below. There will be a heavy wall of sandstone masonry supporting the extension track, a large portion of which has already been finished, and the whole work will be completed in the most durable and solid manner at the certy day, and ready for the uses to which it an early day, and ready for the uses to which it

will be appropriated.

The coal deposited as above described, in these The coal deposited as above described, in these pockets, will be transported to the City of Baltimore by way of the Tide Water Canal, and the boats which will bear their ebony treasure, will beloaded as follows: They will be run into the basin, immediately below the pockets and the latter will be emptted into the boats by means of a drawn gate with which each one of them is furnished. The loaded boats will then proceed on their way across the river and into the canal and from thence by way of the Chesapoake Bay and from thence by way of the Chesapeake Bay

to the city.

The intelligent reader will at once observe that these pockets, as they are styled, must in the course of a little time, exert a tremendous influence upon the coal trade between the rich mine hills of Pennsylvania and the Monumental City. The difference in the price of transportation from the present, we are told, will be one dollar per ton; which will make coal in Baltimore so much cheaper, increase the demand for it in

that city; while by making the Tide Water Canal a direct line of communication, it will vasily benefit that Company and enable it to become what it has long desired to be, a self-supporting, paying institution. A large number of canal boats will be required to engage in this extensive transportation, and we can only imaof canal boats will be required to engage in this extensive transportation, and we can only imagine and scarcely describe the interest which it will exert upon our own county of York, when the project is once successfully put in operation. More especially will the people of the lower end be benefitted, for they can purchase their coal along the line of the canal at a dollar a ton less than they now pay for it, while the enterprise itself will furnish additional labor and employment in that latitude, and all other kinds of business will receive a proportional impetus and business will receive a proportional impetus and

The Reading and Columbia Railroad, already doing a large and extensive business, is destined at no distant day to become one of the great thoroughfares of the country. Its present con-nection with other lines which lead into the very nection with other lines which relating the save wheat of our immense coal fields, its passage through a stretch of country distinguished for its beauty and fertility, and abounding in mineral and agricultural wealth, have given it a power and strength which will not be confined to its present comparatively narrow limits. It may stretch its iron arms across the Susquehanna river, penetrate the rich hills and valleys of York, reach in time our enterprising borough, and convert it into something more than what has been contemptuously styled "a respectable way station." From here it may claim a permanent acquaintanceship with Gettysburg, seek an introduction to the decote at Hereretown form nent acquaintanceship with cettysuing, seek an introduction to the depots at Hagerstown, form a communication with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and thus establish a through line which will bring the Monumental City nearer to New York by fifty miles than it is at present. In anticipation of a permanent and lasting good, we York by fitty miles than it is at present. In a tidepation of a permanent and lasting good, we are willing to abide our time; continuing to cultivate and improve our own home strength, pour out the treasures of our inexhaustible ore miles, construct, if necessary, our furnaces and rollingmills, cheered by the promising assurances which inexorable destiny has caused to dawn upon our future history.—York (Pa.) Paper.

CITY BULLETIN.

SLEIGHING .- Those who are fond of sleighing, now have an ample opportunity to enjoy themselves. The sleighing has never been better in this vicinity. Even upon the streets occupied by the passenger railway tracks, the light cutters can glide along smoothly, as the salt prohibition ordinance has completely done away with the slush nulsance. All the country roads were gay and animated last night. The sleighers were out in full force. The moon was shining and the and animated last night. The sleighers were out in full force. The moon was shining and the weather was not very cold. Everything was favorable for a frolic and everybody who could get up any sort of a "rig" was out to participate in the enjoyment. The livery-stable keepers are now reaping another harvest. They hold their teams at a very high rate; but there is always somebody to take them, and unless early application is made none are to be had. To-day the atmosphere is keen, and although the sun is shining brightly, there is not much of a thaw. The sleighing bids fair to continue in excellent condition for several days yet. condition for several days yet.

CAUTION TO HOUSEKEEPERS.—The sudden charge in the temperature on Wednesday has had the effect of freezing up the spouts leading from the roofs of dwellings to the ground, and unless housekeepers take the precaution of meting them out so as to allow a free passage for the water in time, there will be innumerable cases of leaking roofs. On examination the spouts generally will be found to be frozen solid. The unless housekeepers take the precaution of m owners or occupants of houses having flat roofs are especially warned.

SMASHING THINGS.—Thomas O'Neill and Henry Shaffer were before Alderman Massey this morning upon the charge of malicious mischief. It is alleged that they went to the tavern of Christian Buhl, at Twelfth and Poplar streets, last night, got drinks, and refused to pay for them. They called for more liquor, and when the proprietor refused they punched his head and commenced to smash the classes and other things. The poto smash the glasses and other things. The police interfered and arrested them. The defendants were held in \$600 bail for trial.

BRUTAL ASSAULT UPON A WIFE. ing, before Alderman Senix, Simon Fleming, residing at Richmond and Cumberland streets, was charged with assault and battery upon his wife. It is alleged that he knocked her down beat and kicked her and then turned her into the street. She appeared at the hearing with both eyes black, the result of her brutal treatment. Fleming was held in \$1,000 ball to answer at

Suspicious.—A colored woman named Louisa Blackwell was found last night in the third-story room of a house, No. 136 South Sixth street. She had formerly been employed upon the premises, but had been dismissed about six weeks ago. It s supposed that she went there for the purpose of robbery. She was held for a further hearing by Alderman Beitler.

Another Arrest .- A man named Flanagan was arrested last night upon the charge of having been one of the party who created a disturbance at Turner's tavern. Market street near Thirthenth, knocked down the barkeeper and broke the glasses, &c., in the estsblishment. He was taken before Alderman Jones, and was held in \$600 bail to answer the charge of malicious mis-

DEAD .- John Donohue, who swallowed laudanum a few nights ago, because his wife had left him, died yesterday afternoon at No. 128 Bread street, where his wife had been temporarily residing. Donohue belonged to Mentgomery county. Coroner Daniels held an inquest in the county. Coroner I case this morning. TAXES OF 1868.—The Receiver of Taxes will

not be ready before Monday, the 10th of February, to receive the taxes of 1868. The unavoidable delays in comparing the duplicates, which is being done in a very thorough manner under the supervision of the Board of Revision, compels the postponement until the time named. Soiree Gymnastique.-The tenth annual exhibition by the pupils of Prof. L. Lewis's Gymnasnim (late Lewis & Hillebrand) will be given on Tuesday evening next, at the Academy of

LARCENY .- Wm. Kelly was committed this morning for a further hearing by Alderman Dallas, on the charge of having stolen a lot of shoes from a store at Ninth and Suffolk streets, on Tuesday night last.

EASTWICK SKATING PARK will be more attractive than usual to-morrow, Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Two celebrated skaters from Canada, known as "The Maigher Brothers," are advertised to appear there on the ice.

COMMENCEMENT. -The semi-annual commencement of the Girls' High and Normal School will be held to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Musical Fund Hall.

Fire. This morning, between one and two o'clock, a fire occurred in the smoke-house of William Weckerly, No. 1208 North Twelfth street. The loss will be about \$100. CENTRAL SKATING PARK.—There is fine skating

on this park, and the citizens of the northwestern part of the city are enjoying themselves. The second and last Coterie Fantastique will take place on Monday next. THE BANKRUPTS, as well as the list of their

creditors and the amount due each are now being published in the Commercial List and Price Cur-

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

Another New Stramer.—The Weccacoe Hose Company of Camden are taking measures towards procuring a new fire steam-engine. The are succeeding remarkably well. At their recen are succeeding remarkably well. At their recent annual meeting the following named gontleman were elected officers for the ensuing year: Prosi-dent, William H. Bassert; Vice President, David Patton; Secretary, William Abels; Treasurer, Wesley P. Murray; Directors, W. H. Bassett, Wm. Abels, Charles Matlack, H. A. Frost, J. H. Cary; Investigating Committee, J. W. Coates, D. Pat-ton, George H. Saunders; Audling Committee, W. H. Riow C. Matlack, W. H. Stow C. Matlack

BENEVOLENT OBJECT .- James E. Murdoch, Req., the eminent elecutionist and tragedian, has tendered his services gratuitously to read, on Wednesday evening, February 5th, at Morgan's

Hall, Camden, for the benefit of the Camden Post, No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic, which Post has just been established for the humane purpose of aiding the widows and orphans of soldlers who fell in the Union army while fightsoldiers who led in the Union army while lighting for the defence of their country. This Post has accomplished much good since it was instituted, and it is hoped that this entertainment will enable the members to do more.

NATIONAL CONVENTION U. A. M.—The Convention of the Order of United American Me-

vention of the Order of United American Mechanics, which has just closed in Camden, took decided action in the matter of instituting a "National Orphans' Home" for the children of the members of the Order. The following resolution on the subject were adopted:

*Resolved**, That in the judgment of this Convention the institution of a National Orphans' Home is entirely practicable, and that any other plantending to make a State Orphans' Home, is not; so it is, therefore, agreed that we unlte in the recommendation that all the Councils join on a plan at a subsequent Convention, composed of one at a subsequent Convention, composed of one delegate from each Council in favor of the plan, delegate from each Council in favor of the pian, and that they be empowered to elect directors to select a suitable site, and procure an act of incorporation from the Legislature; and further Resolved, That no Council receive the benefit of the same unless they become subscribers, and then only to the annual subscribed, the same to be determined by the directors. be determined by the directors.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish the Counclis a copy of these proceedings, calling a convention on the first Thursday of May, 1868, at the city of Lancaster, Pa., at 2 o'clock, and that the Board of Directors be required to report on or before the third day of June, 1868. Efforts will be made to have this "Home" located in Camden, a situation which would be very

HANDSOME CHURCH.—The church edifice belonging to the Second Baptist Church, of Cam-den, is nearly completed, and will be a handsome structure. The basement has been dedicated, and the congregation now use it for purposes of Divine worship. On Sunday, \$550 were raised towards helping to complete it.

Slavery in Florida. The Institution Still Existing.

[[From the Atlanta (Ga.) Intelligencer of the 25th.]
A startling bit of intelligence was communicated to us yesterday by a gentleman just returned from Florida. We give publicity to it for the benefit of the friends (so-called) of humanity, the benefit of the friends (so called) of humanity, and hope they will take prompt steps to correct the evil. Slavery actually still exists in Florida! The remnant of the Seminole Indians yet lingering in the classic shades of the Everglades still own slaves, and persist in keeping them in a state of involuntary servitude; and do it, too, in open defiance of the great powers at Washington, and the laws they have enacted. When "Billy"—him of the "bowlegs"—and his followers transferred their bag and baggage to the hopeting grounds of the Great West, they to the hunting grounds of the Great West, they were the owners of a number of slaves. These slaves did not wish to accompany the aforesaid Wm." of the crooked-shanks, and were regularsold to that remnant of the Seminole tribe ly sold to that remnant of the Seminolo tribe which refused to migrate, and are still to be found luxuriating in the umbrageous shades of the Everglades. One old "Big-Injun-Me" is said to be the owner of several strapping negro fellows, and when admonished that the "institution" was a defunct one, replied: "Ugh! mine—give Bill Bowlegs blanket and shot gun—ugh! mine!" Other influential men of the tribe own slaves, and openly defy any power to take them. We trust openly defy any power to take them. We trust this outrage will not be permitted, and that a commission will at once be sent down to wipe it out. Gen. Meade can do it. Florida is within his bailiwick.

CITY NOTICES.

"Bower's Gum Arabic Secrets" soothe and neal Coughs, relieve Hoarseness, tough morning oblegm, and afford great comfort in Bronchial irrita-tions. Try them. Made by Bower, Sixth and Vinc. old by druggists, 35 cents.

Surgical Instruments and druggists' sundries. Snowden & Brothes, 28 South Eighth street.

Bower's Infant Cordial, than which nothing can be more pleasant and soothing for infants and young children. GENERAL GRANT'S nomination for the Presi-

GENERAL GRANT'S nomination for the Fresh-dency seems to be as "phixed" a 'phact," judging from the tone of the press, North and South, as that the clothing sold at Charles Stokes & Go.'s Clothing House, under the Continental, is a universal favorite with the public. The comparison has this difference, however, that while Grant's praise is in the mouth of but one party, the praise of Stokes & Co.'s clothing is on the tongues of all parties. party, the praise of Stokes & tongues of all parties. THE light wing of zephyr oppressed with per-

Waxing faint o'er the garden of Gul in its bloom, y Never diffused such a cloud of luxuriant fragrance as he monchoir upon which a few drops of Phalon & Son's Extract of the "Night Blooming Cereus" have

fallen.

GAY'S CHINA PALACE, No. 1022 Chestnut street.—Selling off the entire stock at less than importing cost.

The assortment consists of Bohemian, French and American Cut Glassware, White French and Decorated China, Silver-plated Ware, Table Cutlery Weiter's, Stone China, &c.

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