

CITY BULLETIN.

THE FIRE AT NINTH AND CHEST-NUT STREETS.

Continuation of the coroner's investigation.

The coroner resumed the investigation into the cause of the death of James F. Folk and Edward Hagan, who lost their lives at the fire at 302 Chestnut street, on the morning of January 14, 1898. James E. Caldwell, affirmed—I reside at No. 2023 Walnut street; I occupied the store No. 302 Chestnut street; at the time of the fire it was out of town and do not know its cause; the fire broke out in the basement of the building which was but one story above, and there was not a pound of paper or hay about; there were two bins in the basement on the west side, each bin was about two feet long by six feet wide, and opened at the ceiling with two ordinary doors; the cleaning department was under the bins, there was no cleaning there; there were no acids or other explosive material used; there may have been one or two bottles of acid in the fourth story front which we did not consider explosive; there was no cleaning done in any other part of the building; there were no old rats used; clean linen rags and towels were used; I have conferred with most of my employees, and I have not been able to connect anything as to the origin of the fire; one of my clerks slept in front of the counting-house, on the first floor; I had the most unbounded confidence in the carelessness of the employees in the building; I am not able to say whether the gas was turned off at the meter or not; the rear part of the building was composed of glass; inside of that we had iron framing.

Richard A. Lewis sworn—I reside at No. 1909 Green street; I am a member of the firm; I have no knowledge of the origin of the fire; at the time I left the store in the evening everything was in order; I left at ten o'clock Wednesday night, and looked through the building and all was in order; I was in the basement twice during the day, and found it unusually clean; Mr. Andrews remarked that he intended to have things in fine order for the summer; the sawdust was kept wet and was used for sweeping purposes on the first floor; the reason that it was not put in the basement; it was generally kept under the Sanson street pavement; I do not remember anything about the building.

Sudden Death.—R. F. Samson was found dead this morning in an apartment in the basement of the State House, which he had occupied for many years. The deceased was 86 years of age. He was well known to everybody who has visited the chambers of City Council members whose bodies were in session, having occupied the position of door-keeper since the first organization of the Council under consolidation, in 1844. Years ago Mr. Samson was in the wholesale grocery business. For some time past he had been very feeble, and a few weeks ago had a stroke of apoplexy, which he recovered from, and appeared to be in a cheerful mood. His sudden death is attributed to general debility.

Handsome New Cars.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company are constructing twenty-four new and improved passenger coaches, which will be placed on through trains between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The heating apparatus is on a new plan, the stoves being hung under the floor, and the heat disseminated through the cars by means of pipes. The interior of the cars is elegant, and the seats are lower and nearer together than those now in use. The window-blinds are arranged so as to cover the glass entirely, which is a decided improvement on the three-quarter shades now in use. Better light will be obtained, as there are two chandeliers—one near each end of the car—arranged for three candles each, making six lights, instead of two.

A Poor Joke.—A colored man was sitting on Spruce street wharf yesterday afternoon. An individual named Spencer Chance, came along and pushed the man into the river. Several citizens went to his assistance of the man, who was considerably disabled, he was taken from the river. Chance was arrested. He said that he had "done it for a joke." The policeman could not see that there was any fun in it, and he took down a man, and took his prisoner before Alderman Kerr. That gentleman is sometimes facetious himself, and always knows how to appreciate a good thing, but he thought the joke perpetrated by Chance a very poor one, and sent him to Moyamensing.

House Entered.—The dwelling of Charles B. Lower, at Twenty-first and Norris streets, was entered yesterday by boring through the kitchen door. All the rooms on the top story were ransacked, but the thieves were frightened by a noise in the house, and departed before they had secured any booty.

Warning.—The following notice has been posted on the outside of the door leading to the Mayor's office: "Applicants loitering in these halls, or on the staircase, after presentation of papers, will diminish their chances of success."

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The seventy-first anniversary of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Dr. Wylie is pastor, was celebrated last evening. The spacious school room in which the exercises were held was crowded in all parts, and it was a much edifying and encouraging scene could be found by all who desired admittance. The room was decorated with American flags, and on the walls were suspended the portraits of Rev. Dr. B. Wylie, the first pastor, and Elders McCune, Sterling, McKinley and Henry.

George H. Stuart, Esq., president, and was assisted by Thomas Reath and others, who acted as the moderators.

FALL OF A HOUSE.—On the east side of Thirty-fourth street, from Chestnut street to the Darby road, there is a row of four-story dwelling houses, of brick, with marble capplings. The buildings have been completed, and workmen are engaged in putting the finishing touches upon them. Last evening, about seven o'clock, the house at the corner of Thirty-fourth and Darby road fell down with a tremendous crash. The building was completely demolished—the ruins tumbling into the cellar—and in its fall carried with it a portion of the wall of the adjoining structure. The cause of the disaster is said to have been a poor foundation. The loss to the owner of the property is about five thousand dollars. No person was injured by the accident.

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HEALTHFUL LEGISLATION.

A few bills of healthful legislation for Camden have been introduced into the New Jersey Legislature during the present week, which, if passed, will result in the accomplishment of much good to the citizens of that city. One bill contemplates investigating the Board of Education with power to assess the mills on the dollar as the educational ratio of the local school districts. This sum, it is thought, will be sufficient to carry on the public schools with that degree of progress demanded by the exigencies of the day. Another bill provides for the appointment of an additional Judge for Camden county, and also for instituting a Court for the trial of small causes, in which all cases of minor consequences can be tried and disposed of without the necessity of sending them to the action of the Circuit Court of Quarter Sessions.

THE TREATY'S SALVATION. The interior bark of the Soap Tree of Chili is admitted by botanists to possess cleansing and preservative qualities surpassed by any other known substance. Its native name, Quillay, is from Quillan, to make clean. This matches antiseptic is a main constituent of the famous preparation for the treatment of Gonorrhoea, which has long since taken the lead of every other article of its class throughout the Western Hemisphere.

REDUCTION IN PRICES. To close of Winter Stock, Charles W. Hart & Co., Goldfish, No. 824 Chestnut street. QUININE AND COCHINEAL. Sold by all Druggists. "Bowler's Gum Arabic Secrete"—Use them for various purposes in the household. Price 50 cents. Sold by Druggists.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, AND CATARRH. J. SACM, M. D., Professor of the Eye and Ear treats all diseases pertaining to the above members with the utmost success. The most delicate and reliable operation in the city can be seen at this office, No. 505 Arch street. The medical facility are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no charge in his office. Artificial eyes inserted. No charge made for examination.

MEMORANDA. Ship City of Brooklyn, Milliken, cleared at New York yesterday for Cuba. Steamer Eagle, Green, cleared at New York yesterday for Cuba. Steamer Australasia (Br), Micken, from Liverpool 15th inst. at New York this morning.

WANTED.—A STORE ON MARKET STREET, between Fourth and Ninth streets. Address "B. B." Bulletin Office, stating Location, Rent and when answer to be given.

LEGAL NOTICES. [IN TEST OPIAHNS] COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. The Auditor appointed by the Court to receive and distribute the assets of WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Administrator of the estate of WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, deceased, and to report thereon, has filed his report. Any creditor of the said WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, deceased, or of the said WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Administrator, who is indebted to the said WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, deceased, or who claims to be a creditor of the said WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, Administrator, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of an adjustment, on THURSDAY, February 2, 1899, at 10 o'clock, P. M. at his office, No. 707 WALNUT street, in the city of Philadelphia.

TO PHYSICIANS.

Allow me to call your attention to my PREPARATION OF COMPOUND EXTRACT BUCHU. The compound parts are FUCHU, LONG LEAF, CUBEBS, JUNIPER BERRIES.

HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU, for weakness arising from indigestion. The exhausted powers of Nature which are accompanied by so many alarming symptoms, among which will be found indisposition to Exercise, Loss of Memory, Wakefulness, Horror of Disease, or Forebodings of Evil, in fact, Universal Debility, Prostration, and inability to enter into the enjoyment of society.

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HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU, in all cases of these organs, whether existing in the male or female, long standing. It is pleasant in taste and odor, "immediate" in action, and more strengthening than any of the preparations of Bark or Iron.

These suffering from broken-down or delicate constitutions, procure the remedy at once.

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LAST MONTH OF THE SALE.

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HAVE THIS DAY MADE STILL FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN ORDER TO CLOSE BALANCE OF STOCK AS THEIR LEASE EXPIRES FEBRUARY 1. NOS. 818 AND 820 CHESTNUT STREET.

IMPORTANT SALE OF SPLENDID PAINTINGS, Now on Free Exhibition in the East Galleries of the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, TO BE SOLD MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS, February 1st and 2d, At 7 1/2 o'clock, at the Art Gallery of MR. CHAS. F. HASELTINE, NO. 1128 CHESTNUT STREET, BY M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers, THE COLLECTION OF M. KNOEDLER, Successor to Goupil & Co., New York, Being by far the most valuable lot of Paintings ever offered at public sale in this city

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