

lake, recalled vividly the fire of 1850- (or 51), when the fire department of Old Carlisle consisted of the "Night Watch," and the lines were formed on Lehigh street to supply the fire with water from the Lehigh. These alarms always occasioned great consternation, yet they were no more numerous than before the great fire—our nerves were unstrung, and our ears strained for the clanging of the fire bells, which now we noticed, and before (in the hurry of business), neglected.

Among the ruins are posted all descriptions of signs, announcing the new location of the business firm which once occupied the building upon whose remains they are erected. Some have their humorous inscriptions, and all are the indices of an energy for which the merchants are proverbial, the world over. Among the former, McVicker's theatre is announced "as closed for repairs"; "Woods' Museum, as having standing room only"; Van Schick, Stevenson & Co., druggists, announce themselves as "slightly changed"; and a humorist, who delights in broken English, has gone "where the woodbine twines—how high is that—treat avile." Another firm informs us of a resumption of trade in a different part of the city—Capital \$200,000. Many bear the information that the firm has been "closed in a few days"—and true to the promise, a wooden shanty is run up, and business immediately resumed.

If the hearts of a people ever swelled with grateful emotion, and thanks rose to lips that failed to utter them, the people of Carlisle have cause. The power of speech failed them, when they heard of the outbreak of generosity all over the civilized world in behalf of the destitute. It was no time for tears during the progress of the flames, nor after the ravages had ceased. A survey of the condition of each was a necessity, and quick the donors were to the rescue. Yet when the Tribune published a column or two of despatches, announcing the gifts of the cities and towns of the land, no man with a heart in his bosom, could read them without his eyes being suffused with tears, and his soul blessing the donors whose beneficence to man has made countless thousands grateful. I saw (and watched with eagerness) many an eye rest upon those kindly messages, and in no instance did I observe the steady gaze of indifference or the indication of mental absorption, without a tremor of the lips, and a heaving of the breast. Men's better natures were aroused.

This sublime outpouring of sympathy and material aid, that men forget, for 'time, their disastrous reverses, and self was lost in a feeling of thankfulness and earnest gratitude to the sacrificing men and women who have rendered aid to the blessed. Thousands cried "I was unhungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in naked and ye clothed me," and ask that those whose deeds of noble magnanimity sufficed them in the hour of need, shall meet with its appropriate reward.

The National Bank, in a convention of their officers, held on the twelfth instant, resolved to pay depositors 15 per cent of their deposits, on the first installment, and no continue monthly, until the accounts were adjusted. The day is announced they will pay in full tomorrow. This has allayed much anxiety, and it is supposed no run will be made, which otherwise was feared.

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HON. GEORGE CONNELL, Senator and Senator elect from the Fourth District, died last week at his residence in Philadelphia. An extended sketch of his life and services as a public man, will be found in another column. He had already served his constituency and the State, for twelve consecutive years in the Senate, and had just been chosen for his fifth term by a majority of 2,075. A few more days had so many evidences of the confidence and esteem of their fellow-citizens, as Mr. Connell, and fever still has so well deserved them.

The death of Mr. Connell may give rise to one of those vexatious locks in legislation, for which Pennsylvania is somewhat famous. The Senate now stands sixteen Republicans and ten Democrats, with one vacancy. In case of a vacancy in the Senate by the death or resignation of one of its members, it becomes the duty of the Speaker to issue his writ to the Sheriff of the District in which the vacancy occurs, directing him to order an election. The fact of the Speaker of the Senate, issue his writ now, no trouble can arise in the matter, as the election would be held before the meeting of the Legislature, and would determine the political complexion of the Senate. Should he, however, refuse to issue his writ, the fact of the Speaker of the Senate, issue his writ now, no trouble can arise in the matter, as the election would be held before the meeting of the Legislature, and would determine the political complexion of the Senate.

We call attention to the proclamation of the President of the United States, signed on Thursday, November 23, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. Let there be a proper observance of the day, throughout the State and Nation, by all good citizens.

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