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DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION IN CHICAGO.

Another destructive conflagration occurred in our city on Sunday night which destroyed eleven stores and dwellings.

The fire occurred about 8 o'clock, in the large three-story frame building on the corner of Jackson and South Clark streets. The building was owned by Mr. E. N. Larson of this city and Messrs. Hasegrove and Hardin of Shelbyville, Kentucky. It contained thirteen stores, and the upper floors were occupied by ten families.

There are various reports current, as to the origin and cause of the fire, but nothing definite has been ascertained, and the strong probability is that it was accidental.

From some cause or other the firemen worked at great disadvantage, and did not act with that promptitude and skill which the case demanded. They complain that the supply of water was insufficient when the fire broke out, and that later in its progress they were overpowered by the steam cut by malicious persons. At all events, there was a want of good management which is highly culpable, and so that the blame may rest upon the proper shoulders. Chicago Tribune.

THE EAST INDIA SQUADRON.

Despatches have been received at Washington from Commodore Armstrong of our squadron in the China seas. The expedition to Formosa, has established the fact that there are no American or European captives on the island. It was expected that the English would make a demonstration upon Canton in November, but it was not certain that the French would join in the attack.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.

An express had passed through that place with dispatch from Louisville, bringing the joyful intelligence that a superior body of Mergansers had overpowered Capt. Cook's command while passing from Hanns Fort to Fort Brigrig, and butchered over 2,000 of them, taking a number of prisoners, and hanging all the officers who fell into their hands. The report is doubtless entirely false or greatly exaggerated.

THE FRIGATE Niagara is fitting up for her second expedition to lay down the Atlantic Telegraph.

Her engines have been taken apart, and are to be overhauled and refitted. Her topmasts and masts are well as her rigging and spars are to be made heavier, and the chain portion of her standing rigging enlarged. Every thing will be reworked as if it were new.

A writer in the Chicago Tribune says: "It must be obvious to you and the rest of mankind that nearly every business interest in this city is greatly depressed—indeed it may be ascribed without fear of contradiction, that a majority of those doing business do not clear their expenses, and on account are either living off their capital or on the property of others in their possession."

CASE! CASE! CASE! WANTED!

PLAIN AND FANCY Boots and Shoes of the Latest Styles AT PANIC GOODS. A large stock of plain and fancy boots and shoes of the latest styles, made to order.

WANTED! All kinds of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices. Also, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, made to order.

LADIES! A large stock of Ladies' Boots and Shoes, made to order. Also, a large stock of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices.

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PANIC GOODS AT THE... A large stock of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices. Also, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, made to order.

WOL PLAINS AT 25 TO 31 Cts. A large stock of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices. Also, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, made to order.

50 Pieces 3-4 Cloths and Cassimeres all Colors from 50 cts. to 1 00. A large stock of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices. Also, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, made to order.

100 doz. Ladies and Misses Heavy Winter Hosiery, Ribbed and Plain. A large stock of Country Goods, for sale at the lowest prices. Also, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, made to order.

Ladies and Gents Winter Gloves, in every conceivable variety. ZEPHYR HOODS, Bagpans, Ladies and Misses Gaiters, Armlets, Childs Muffs, &c. &c.

WOOL FLANNELS, in all colors from 25 cts. up. COTTON FLANNELS 10 to 12 1/2. BED BLANKETS IN GOOD VARIETY. HORSE BLANKETS. Gents Knee Rugs.

At the above stores have been bought for Cash with three per cent. discount the entire stock of the cash buying public, their attention is particularly solicited. TIBBALS, HAYS & C. No. 1 and 2, Henry's Block.

FELLOW CITIZENS AND COUNTRYMEN!

We wish you to see what Sacrifices we are making IN YOUR BEHALF!

Oakfords celebrated 85 Silk Hats at \$4 50. Gents' fine felt Hats worth \$1 25 for \$1 00. Planters wide brim " \$4 50 for 3 00.

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Wm. A. GRISWOLD'S COLUMN.

Hard Times have Passed. CHEERING NEWS AT THE

EMPIRE STORE. THE LAST. Sacrifices we are making IN YOUR BEHALF!

Great Sale of the Season. Such Inducements are Offered, AND SACRIFICES LIKE THESE ARE MADE.

DRY GOODS! CARPETS, & BUFFALO ROBES. ONE HALF THEIR VALUE.

Gents. Furnishing Goods. White Linen Shirts worth \$3 selling for \$2 Neck Ties " " " " " 75 cts.

THE LANGUAGES. THE GOLDEN PRIZE. TAKE NOTICE!

RESULTS OF THE TIMES!! Paris Millinery & Fancy Dry Goods.

DR. JACKSON. INDIAN BOTANIC PHYSICIAN. MARK THE TIME AND DAY.

FOR 30 DAYS. EVERY DEPARTMENT IS FULL & COMPLETE.

Wm. A. GRISWOLD. Dates, November 7, 1857.

BOOTH & STEWART.

HAVING DETERMINED NOT TO RETURN THEIR AFFAIRS TO EXTENSIVE DEALERS IN DRY GOODS!

Useful to others than to themselves. Do not offer their entire STOCK OF GOODS, Comprising the latest and best Styles and quality, to be had FOR CASH ONLY!!

Such Inducements are Offered, AND SACRIFICES LIKE THESE ARE MADE.

DRY GOODS! BETTER THAN MONEY. in such retail cases as these.

WEEKLY ARRIVALS AT FULLERTON'S NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE.

MODERN LANGUAGES. EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

BLAKE'S BONNET ROOMS. Paris Millinery & Fancy Dry Goods.

SALES ROOMS. DR. JACKSON.

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