

THE CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION.

Great conflagrations have frequently taken place in our cities, but never in the history of our country has such a disaster befallen a city, as that which has just occurred in Chicago. Indeed it would seem that, like Sodom and Gomorrah, it was doomed to be effaced from the earth. A fire rose in the waters of the lake, an inundation of the land, like that occasionally in the south, would have completed the work.

Sunday evening last a boy went into a stable to milk a cow, carrying a kerosene lamp; this the cow kicked over, setting fire to some straw, and the city was soon in a blaze. All the business and best portion of the town is destroyed. Banking Houses, Hotels, Printing Offices, Wheat Elevators, in fact everything of which Chicago could boast is gone. Nothing but smoldering ruins mark the spot where once stood the most beautiful and costly palaces. Millions of lost sleepers are beggars to day, and the true state of affairs are appalling in the extreme. Dispatches to the Detroit Post says:

"Here was to be seen the most remarkable sight ever beheld in this or any country. There were from 50,000 to 75,000 men, women and children fleeing by every available street and alley to the southward and westward, attempting to save their clothing and lives. Every available vehicle was brought into requisition, for which enormous prices were paid, and the streets and sidewalks presented a weird sight. Thousands of persons and horses merrily commingled. Poor people of all colors and shades, and every nationality, from Europe, China and Africa, mad with excitement, struggled with each other to get away. Hundreds were trampled under foot. Men and women were loaded with bundles of their household goods, to whose skirts were clinging tender infants, half dressed and half clothed, all seeking places of safety. Hours afterward they might have been seen in vacant lots, or in streets, far out in the suburbs, drenched in the dust. These are the suffering, these are the people whom Christ now calls on the rich world to feed and clothe. God help them if the hearts of men prove obdurate. One of the most pitiful sights was that of a middle-aged woman on State street, loaded with bundles, struggling through the crowd singing the 'Mother Goose' melody: 'Turkey, chicken, crane, crow, I want to be with my too, too, etc.'"

There were hundreds of others like this, who were rendered desperate by whiskey or beer, which, from excess of thirst, in the absence of water, they had drunk in great quantities, a terror to all they met. It is fearful to think of the loss of life.

It is conjectured, and with good cause, that near 500 have been burned to death. We saw four men enter a burning building, and in a moment were overwhelmed by a falling wall. There was a crowd of men around the corner of the building, trying to save property, and when the wall yielded some of them were buried beneath it. These were on the South Side. On the North Side 12 or 15 men, women and children rushed into the building of the Historical Society, a fire proof building, for safety. In a few minutes the flames burst up, and they were burned to death. Among them was the venerable Col. Sam Stone, long connected with the society. He was 80 years of age; also John B. Gerard and wife, and Mlle. Depeigne, the noted teacher of music, perished. It is feared that Dr. Frear and family were also burned, as they were in the building and have not been seen since. Mrs. Edsall, whose husband was murdered last week, suffering from illness, was carried away for protection to a building which was afterward consumed and it is feared, she also perished. All the books and papers of the Historical Society, including the original copy of the famous Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln, for which the society paid \$25,000, were destroyed. It is feared that large numbers of children, inmates of the Catholic Orphan Asylum, on State street, were also burned, as many of them are missing.

On Chicago avenue a father rushed up stairs to carry three children away, when he was crushed with flames and perished with them. The mother was afterward seen on the streets on the North-west Side a raving maniac.

In the same neighborhood a family of five persons perished. The list of such fatalities is very large, and can only be fully verified after the smoke shall have cleared away. There are hundreds of families on that side who saved no clothing, but barely their lives. Among them is the family of Perry Smith, formerly President of the Northwestern Railroad Company. Among the odd acquaintances of the calamity was seen hundreds of men and boys, bearded and soiled, who were in the North Division, where saloon keepers' stocks, turned into the street, furnished a convenient opportunity for the gratification of their slavish propensities; and there can hardly be a doubt that many of these poor wretches found their death in flames, from which they were too helpless to escape. One poor man had crawled for refuge into a

water main lying in the street near the water works; but the fire found him even there before he could get his body wholly in safety, and robbed him of his life. The Herald reporter furnishes the following: Women and children are going around the burnt district vainly seeking something to satisfy their hunger. They ask for relief, but there is none to give them. No one has provisions or money. What provisions there were in the city are now burned or eaten, and some few people have enough to last them for a day, not longer. Provisions have arrived from Detroit, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and St. Louis, and are being distributed as fast as possible. Twenty-three dead bodies have been taken to a station on the North Side.

As light comes on the want of gas is acutely felt. There are but few candles in the city, and no water except what is got from the lake. Very grave fears of outbreaks by thieves on the West Side are felt on every hand. General Sheridan, who has been a hard worker all through the fire, is still leading his troops from different points to keep order. All business and work are suspended, and every one is intent on securing first something to eat, next shelter. The suffering on the North Side is heart-rending. Men, women and children, 50,000 of them, are huddled together like so many wild animals, and in other places 17,000 Germans and Irish are praying for relief. Helpless children are asking for bread, and heartbroken parents know not which way to turn or what to say.

A large portion of the population driven from desolated ground are encamped on the prairie to the north, where they have nothing but canopy of Heaven to cover them, and scarcely sufficient food to satisfy their hunger.

The entire North Division is swept clear from the Chicago River to Wright's Grove, a distance of more than three miles. But one house, that of Miss Mrs. Cogan, is standing in the entire distance.

Fires at Home.

Mr. John Thompson's woods are burning. It originated from boys setting fire to a brush heap to scare out a rabbit, and then leaving it burning. Mr. A. D. Kendrick's woods have been on fire and as fast as extinguished would again ignite through carelessness of hunters. He says he will prosecute the first one found hunting on his premises. Martin's, Dickinson's and L. K. Larkin's woods have been on fire, and some now burning. The latter person upon returning from church last Sunday, found some 50 persons lighting fire on his farm. It is supposed to have caught from the engine on the D. L. & L. M. road. Mrs. Tait's woods, and Mr. Beej Gardner's swamp have been, or are now burning. Mr. Jos. Chambers, so it said, is the loser of \$500 by a fire in his woods.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

We call upon our citizens generally, to meet at Young Men's Hall on this (Saturday) evening, Oct. 14th, to consider what means can be employed to render assistance to the sufferers of our own State who are victims of the terrible fires raging in various parts of the country. Humanity appeals to your sympathies. Tenth: Many Citizens.

F. R. BEAL & Co. sell

GENERAL HARDWARE,
BUILDER'S HARDWARE,
HOUSEKEEPER'S HARDWARE,
WINDOW GLASS, [from 7x9 to 24x32]
TIN AND COPPER WARE,
SHEET IRON WARE,
JAPANNED WARE,
PLAIN TABLE CUTLERY,
RUBBER-HANDLED CUTLERY,
IVORY-HANDLED CUTLERY,
POCKET CUTLERY,
PLATED GOODS,
CLOTHES WRINGERS,
DODY'S CLOTHES WASHER,
BRITANNIA TEA POTS,
BRITANNIA COFFEE POTS,
BURDICK'S FEED CUTTERS,
BURRALL'S CORN SHELLERS,
HORSE BRUSHES & COMBS,
HORSE SHOES & NAILS,
CARPENTER TOOLS,
FARMERS' TOOLS,
FARMERS' BOILERS,
AMERICAN BROILERS,
PATENT CAKE GRIDDLES,
COOK & PARLOR STOVES, [all styles]
AS CHEAP AS
ANY PLACE IN MICHIGAN,
TIN ROOFS PUT ON, AND
ALL KINDS OF JOBBING
PROMPTLY DONE.

Northville, 2-10

BEVERLY.—Mr. Michael Lally, who thinks soon of leaving our village, very graciously made a present of \$50 to the Northville Union School a few days since.

ALWAYS AHEAD.

New Goods.

New Goods.

IMMENSE STOCK.

MABLEY THE CLOTHIER,

HAS THIS WEEK

RECEIVED A LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK OF FINE GOODS

Suitable for this Season of the Year

CALL AND SEE THEM.

ONE PRICE HOUSE, 126 WOODWARD AVENUE;

DETROIT.

NEWCOMB, ENDICOTT & CO

2 & 3 OPERA HOUSE BUILDING

(CAMPUS MARTIUS)

DETROIT, MICH.

HAVE IN STORE AND NOW OPEN AN UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE STOCK OF GOODS SUITABLE FOR THE EARLY FALL TRADE

EVERY DEPARTMENT COMPLETE.

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, SHAWLS

EVERYTHING NEW AND DESIRABLE

Our Stock of FLANNELS and BLANKETS

Is very large and owned by us at such prices as will warrant us in offering them very cheap to cash buyers.

Linen and House Furnishing Goods

At Lowest prices.

All the Best Makes of Cottons

WE INVITE A CAREFUL INSPECTION OF OUR STOCK.

Newcomb, Endicott & Co.

2-25

BOOTS & SHOES!

The subscriber begs leave to announce to the citizens of Northville and vicinity that he has just received, and will continue to keep on hand a

FULL & COMPLETE STOCK of the very latest Styles of

BOOTS AND SHOES, or Ladies', Gents' and Children's wear which he will sell at a

Very Low Figure for CASH.

Call and examine, and judge for yourselves. No charge made for showing goods. Store formerly occupied by T. Foreman. GEORGE WILCOX.

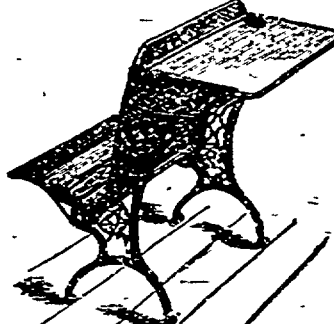
Northville, Mich. 2-20

ON MARRIAGE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.—To the citizens of Northville and vicinity, who have been the victims of the effects of the late fire, and who are in need of relief, the undersigned has the honor to announce that he has just received, and will continue to keep on hand a

C. G. HARRINGTON,

MANUFACTURER OF



SCHOOL

FURNITURE

OF THE LATEST AND MOST

APPROVED STYLES.

Northville Mich.

Bassett & Orr keep

BEDSTEADS OF ALL STYLES,

ARM CHAIRS AND ALL OTHER CHAIRS

SOFFAS AND SECRETARIES,

SEATERS, STRONG & COMFORTABLE,

EXTENSION TABLES, VERY BEST,

TABLES FOR PARLOR AND KITCHEN,

TABLES FOR HOTELS & DWELLINGS,

ALL MADE FROM STYLES

NOW IN FASHION AND LOWER THAN

DETROIT PRICES. ALSO

ORNAMENTAL BRACKETS & FRAMES,

READY MADE WHATNOTS,

REPAIRING DONE PROMPTLY,

PICTURE & LOOKING GLASS FRAMES,

CHANGES OF EVERY VARIETY,

YOUNG BABIES' CARRIAGES & WAGONS,

MATTRESSES FROM BEST MAKERS,

OVAL PICTURE FRAMES,

USEFUL & ORNAMENTAL ARTICLES

THAT PLEASE THE EYE AND MAKE

HOME COMFORTABLE AND CHEERFUL.

MATTRESS BUREAUS & STANDS

IN THE LATEST STYLES,

CHAMBERS AND COFFINS, AND A

HEARSE READY FOR FUNERALS.

Phymouth Sept. 30th 1871. 3-21

THOMAS HENRY,

Would say to the citizens of Northville, and the surrounding country, that he has resumed his old business

WELL DIGGING,

And is ready to

DIG, REPAIR OR CLEAN WELLS

In any locality, or on any soil.

Pumps of All Kinds,

And every thing pertaining to the business furnished upon application.

Orders can be left at my residence near the Argo Mills.

3-21

THOS. HENRY.

HUTTON & BEDFORD,

Would give notice that they are now

MANUFACTURING

CARRIAGES,

WAGONS,

CUTTERS,

SLIGHS &c.,

At their Carriage Shop [north of Hutton's Blacksmith Shop] and are ready to do

ALL KINDS OF

WAGON AND CARRIAGE WORK

in their line.

REPAIRING

done on

SHORT NOTICE.

We have in connection a

Paint and Trimming Shop.

We fear no competition, our work speaks for itself. Call and judge. We are ready to do Painting and Trimming in the best manner, for any and all who may favor us with their patronage, and at as reasonable rates as can be done by any shop west of New York.

Northville Oct. 1, 1870. 2-61

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Northville HARNESS Manufactory

The undersigned would say to the citizens of Northville and vicinity, that he has now on hand a complete stock of Ready Made

HARNESS

Single and Double made of the

BEST OAK TANNED LEATHER

Also constantly on hand, a full supply of

CURRY COMBS,

BRUSHES

HORSE CARDS,

FLY-NETS,

WHIPS & LASHES

Trunks

Valises

Satchels

and Bobs

Of All Descriptions.

CARRIAGE TRIMMING

done NATLY and at REASON-

ABLE rates.

REPAIRING DONE PROMPTLY

NEAT-FOOTS Oil For Sale.

Please call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Thanked for past favors, I would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.

JOHN ARMSTRONG

Northville, June 11th. 1870. 1-24

Jackson & Horton,

DEALERS IN

Drugs & Medicines,

PAINTS,

OILS,

WIDOW GLASS,

PUTTY,

DYE STUFFS,

Wall Paper,

GROCERIES,

Choice

WINE & LIQUORS.

FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES

Best Brands of Cigars and Tobacco's

constantly on hand at the Lowest

prices. A large stock of the

most popular Patent

Medicines of the

day.

We deal only in the best Goods

and keep supplied with the latest Drugs in

the market.

PARTICULAR attention paid to

PREPARING PRESCRIPTIONS.

Our stock of choice and superior

Grape, Tea, Coffee, Spices and every

thing in that line. We make a specialty

of Tea, keep the best we can buy, and

guarantee them at

DETROIT PRICES.

We cordially invite all to call and exam-

ine our stock.

We are located not to be mistaken

JACKSON & HORTON.

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V. O. WHIPPLE

DEALER IN

All kinds of Light and Heavy

HARNESS.

CURRY COMBS, BRUSHES, WHIPS

In fact every thing kept in a

FIRST CLASS HARNESS SHOP.

I am determined to keep the

best quality and latest styles of

TRUNKS,

and sell them at the lowest

living prices.

Carriage Trimming

we make a Specialty. Give us a trial and

judge of the work.

2-20

A. E. Bigelow,

DEALER IN

PINE LUMBER,

Water Lime,

Calicined Plaster

AND ALL KINDS OF

Building Material.

OFFICE AND YARD

602, BEACONS AVE. & CASS ST.

Opposite Eisenlord's Hotel

DETROIT

EXPANLORD & OTIS.

UPHAM'S ASTHMA CURE
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