

LOCAL MATTERS.

Fires.—At a quarter to four o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the cabinet ware manufactory of Joseph Crook & Son. (Joseph and Charles,) No. 36 Hanover street. The building, which is four stories high, was also occupied on the first story by E. Lewis & Brother, tailors. The fire originated in the workshop in the rear of the establishment. When first discovered the alarm was communicated through box No. 3, but it immediately becoming evident that the fire would prove a serious one, a general alarm was sounded, and the entire department responded, with the exception of steam fire engine No. 5. Meanwhile the flames progressed rapidly right and left, and after burning off the roof and upper story of the cabinet factory, communicated on the right to building No. 34 Hanover street, occupied by Jacob Tanhauser as a large boarding-house. Most of the furniture of the boarders was tumbled into the street, and the house was completely flooded from top to bottom with the water thrown. The roof was burned off and the upper story destroyed.

The warehouse of the Messrs. Crook is owned by J. S. Norris, Esq. His loss is about \$1,000; insured in the Firemen's office. The loss of the occupants consisted of fine cabinet furniture, &c., and is estimated at \$5,000; insured in the Firemen's office. The furniture on the first floor was saved. The loss of E. Lewis & Bro., tailors, is slight, most of the stock being rescued before the water reached it. No. 34, occupied by Jacob Tanhauser, belongs to Lancaster Ould, Esq., and is insured in the Equitable office for \$300, and the furniture of the occupant for \$800 in the Aetna office, of Hartford, Conn. The damage to the furniture will exceed the insurance by several hundred dollars.

On Lombard street, house No. 137, owned by Francis A. Crook, Esq., and occupied by Mrs. E. Wilson, dressmaker, was slightly damaged on the roof; insured in the Equitable office; no insurance on furniture. No. 110, owned by Samuel Guest, Esq., and occupied by Mrs. Sarah R. Dally, dressmaker, was also damaged on the roof, and the furniture injured by water. Mr. Guest, who occupied an office in the basement as a real estate broker, was not damaged. His loss is about \$200. Insured in the Firemen's office for \$1,500. No. 142 belongs to the Misses Harrison, and is occupied by Mrs. Catlin as a dwelling. The damage to the house, which is on the roof, is insured in the Equitable Office; no insurance on the furniture of the occupant. No. 114, J. G. Hatch owner, and Joseph Stimms occupant, was damaged on the roof, and some injury done to the furniture by water. The house is insured in the Equitable Office; no insurance on the furniture.

No. 146, owned by F. A. Crook, and occupied by Mrs. E. Kelley, dress maker, sustained injuries similar to the above. The building is insured in the Equitable Office, as are all the others to the full amount of the several losses.

The fire burned stubbornly for nearly an hour and a half, but the heavy streams of the steam fire engines proved too much for the ravenous element. Great quantities of the stock and furniture of threatened buildings was rescued and placed upon the pavement, and the police of the middle district were very active in protecting it from the depredation of thieves.

Fire Inspector Boyd, after a thorough examination of the premises where the fire originated, concurred in the opinion of the proprietors that it resulted from accident, though it was the general opinion of others that the establishment was designedly fired, from the fact that when first discovered the flames were confined to a small space in the rear of the main building in the lumber yard, and accessible by an alley. The whole loss will not exceed \$4,000 or \$5,000.

Movements of the Reformers.—The reform party of Baltimore are moving quietly but steadily, with a stern determination not only to achieve a victory at the coming November election, but to vindicate the majesty of the outraged law by prosecuting as far as possible every illegal voter and every rowdy who, at the election on Wednesday last, resorted to violence and other means to prevent legal voters from depositing their ballots. Some rich developments, it is expected, will be made public in a few days.

On Friday evening the central reform committee held a meeting, when every man was promptly at his post. Reports, based upon indisputable evidence, were made, showing that gross and systematic outrages were committed in various wards at the late election, and exhibiting complicity of the police, with some honorable exceptions, of the most infamous character. A large number of illegal voters, in every ward, with the names of the parties and of the witnesses who are prepared to substantiate their charges before the grand jury at its meeting to-day, were also presented. The several members of the committee also reported that the result of the election on Wednesday and the scenes of villainy, with the direct complicity of the authorities with its perpetrators, had given an impetus to the reform movement that was highly encouraging, and promised the most gratifying results in November.

The most thorough organization is being made in all parts of the city for the coming contest of law and order against rascality. The honest manner in which the judges, with some few exceptions, had endeavored to perform their duty, under most disadvantageous circumstances, was duly testified to. The committee will proceed immediately to make their nominations for State officers.

The reformers of the Eleventh ward held a meeting on Saturday evening, which is represented to have been one of the most imposing demonstrations for a ward meeting ever held in this city, not only for the large numbers in attendance, but the moral worth and standing, and the large commercial, financial and mechanical interests represented. There were present many of the oldest residents of the city—men, who, for years, have not attended such meetings—including representatives of all parties and all creeds. There was evinced, too, a stern determination, not only to put down rowdism and violence in the future and to insure a quiet election in November, but also a fixed purpose to punish the parties guilty of offenses committed on Wednesday last.

Handsome Church Organ.—Some time since several of the members of the First Constitutional Presbyterian church, located at the corner of Green and German streets, determined to present the church with an organ, and an order was given to Messrs. Pomplitz & Rodewald to build one, to cost \$1,200. The instrument is completed, and last week it was placed in the gallery of the church. The organ is of large size, with two banks of keys and eighteen stops. It is 14 feet high, 11 1/2 wide, and 9 feet deep. The case is of solid walnut, oiled, with a handsome ornament on top, the whole finished after the Byzantine style. The pedal is one and a half octaves, and it has five solo stops. The tone is full and melodious, and several eminent organists have pronounced it one of the best instruments in the country. The front presents a fine appearance, all the larger pipes being handsomely gilt. Heretofore the church has had no organ, and it will prove a valuable acquisition. On Sunday next it will be used for the first time to aid the choir. The same firm is building an organ for the chapel of the Church Home, on Broadway, of small dimensions; also, one for the Episcopal church in Halifax county, Va., and one for the Episcopal church at Albany, Ga.

Horrible Accident from Fire—One Child Burned to Death and Another Injured.—On Saturday morning a horrible affair transpired at the house No. 37 Raborg street, in the western part of the city. The upper part of the house is occupied by a colored man named John Stewart and his wife Ellen, with a family of children. About 9 o'clock on Saturday morning the wife built a fire on the hearth, and having occasion to leave the house, locked the door of the room, leaving two children, one three years old, and the other eleven months, playing on the floor. When she returned and entered the apartment, she found her oldest child, a daughter, lying dead upon the hearth, burned to death. The other was burned from the knee to the ankle and on other parts of the body. Dr. Cox was called, and applied the usual remedies for the relief of the survivor, and it is his opinion that the child will live. The cause of the accident cannot be precisely ascertained, but it is supposed that the children, in playing with the fire, set their clothes on fire. Coroner Green-tree held an inquest on the body of the deceased, Ann Rebecca, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Sailing of Steamers.—The steamer Baltimore, Captain M. R. Greene, left her wharf on Saturday afternoon for Havana, with a full freight and the following list of passengers: Thomas Mayo, C. Mulveny, D. J. Doff, Raymond Williams, wife and servant, J. W. Weaver, and 25 in the steerage. Of those in the steerage, 15 have gone out to work on the Havana railroad. This is the first trip of the B. to Havana for two months, having been temporarily withdrawn because of the prevalence of yellow fever at that port during the summer.

The steamer Joseph Whitney, Capt. Howes, left her wharf on Saturday afternoon, for Boston, with a full freight, and the following list of passengers:—J. Chelmsfeldt, Mrs. Lally and son, P. Bassett, Mrs. Davidson, L. T. Lewis, lady and three children, Miss A. Bell, Miss E. Graham, and Miss H. B. Woodville.

Stabbed at the Eleventh Ward Falls.—On the day of election in the 11th ward, an attack was made by several ruffians on Mr. Sol. B. Davis, some of whom declared they would kill him.—Mr. J. M. Morine, who is a private watchman in Mount Vernon Place, saw the danger in which Mr. D. was placed, and ran to his assistance, when one of the assailants stabbed him in the left arm, above the elbow. An artery was severed, which caused the blood to flow profusely, and since that time Mr. D. has not been able to use his arm.—The outrage was committed in the crowd, so that the guilty party escaped.

Illness of Mayor Swann.—On Saturday morning, while attending at the office of the marshal of police, Mayor Swann was taken suddenly ill, and it was thought the attack was apoplectic. Drs. Howes, Gilman and Mackenzie were called to him, and they stated that it was intense vertigo, produced by great mental excitement. A carriage was procured and he was removed to his residence, accompanied by his son and several friends. During his indisposition Wm. McPhail, Esq., president of the second branch of the city council, will be mayor ex-officio.

... nine o'clock on Saturday night a colored man named William Brown, aged about 40 years, was dangerously wounded in the left side of the head by some unknown white person, standing on Lexington street, corner of Kitchin alley, and directly opposite the dry goods store of Mr. John Hart. The man rushed upon him, and after inflicting the wound immediately escaped from the vicinity. The wounded man was taken into the drug store of J. J. Smith, northeast corner of Eufaw and Lexington streets, by officer McDonald and others, where his injuries were examined and dressed by Drs. Willis, H. Daxley and Jenkins. A probe was inserted into the wound to the depth of four inches, and it was the opinion of the physicians that the vitals were touched by the weapon. He was removed to his home, in Elbow lane, near Paca street, and yesterday his condition was reported critical. Officers Williams and Crolier, of the western district, went in pursuit of the party to the stabbing upon learning of the occurrence, but up to last evening no arrest had been made.

Fire Alarms.—An alarm of fire was sounded about three o'clock yesterday afternoon from No. 15 station, which called out the fire department. It proved to be a fish box in the Belair market, which had been fired by some boys. The alarm at seven o'clock yesterday evening was from station No. 21, but no fire could be found. It was said to have been given in consequence of the lighting of a jet of gas near one of the windows in the Lutheran church, in Trinity street, near Exeter. It is said there are too many keys to the station boxes, which accounts for so many alarms of late.

Fire at the Penitentiary.—About nine o'clock on Saturday morning the drying house of Mr. Charles Murdock, at the Maryland penitentiary, was discovered to be on fire, and at once an effort was made to extinguish it by Deputy Warden Roberts, assisted by several of the prisoners.—The material in the house was cypress staves, and it was so inflammable that it became necessary to give an alarm. The fire department was soon on the ground and quenched the flames. The whole damage did not exceed \$100, which is insured in a New York office. The fire originated from the heat from the furnace used for drying staves.

An Impudent Thief.—On Saturday afternoon Mr. F. Bates was returning to his place of business from his home, on East Baltimore street, when he was familiarly accosted by a man who said he had been a schoolmate of his. After a short conversation he requested the loan of ten cents, with which to pay freight on his trunk, which had been brought from a neighboring city. The money was given to him, when he placed his hand against the heart of Mr. B. and told him that his shirt bosom was open. In doing so he stole a valuable shirt button, nor was he suspected until he had got out of sight.

Presentations.—On Friday afternoon several of the passengers on board of the steamer Joseph Whitney, during the post summer, presented by her commander, Capt. Solomon Howes, a handsome silver pitcher, as a mark of their respect.—The presentation was made by W. T. Hall, on the part of the passengers, and responded to on the part of Captain Howes by F. S. Evans. After the presentation those present sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared for the occasion.

The Frog Case.—The son of Charles Davis, No. 270 South Eutaw street, who has heretofore been reported as suffering from reptiles in his stomach, has grown worse, and is daily prostrated by the most terrible spasms and sensations of choking, occasioned by the reptiles crawling into his throat. The unfortunate lad has become idiotic, and frequently attempts to inflict violent injury upon himself and members of the family, rendering his confinement necessary.

The Forty Chickens Case.—On Saturday officer Stephenson arrested a man named Henry Glante, on the charge of obtaining forty chickens by false pretenses from an old colored woman at the Centre market, on Saturday, the 5th inst. (On that day Owen O'Neal was arrested on the charge of receiving the poultry, knowing it to have been stolen, but was discharged, having shown that he paid Glante for them. Justice Jolly sent Glante to jail for trial.

Arrival of a Convict.—On Saturday a colored convict named James Boston was received at the penitentiary, from the hands of the sheriff of Caroline county, whence he had been sentenced to five and a-half years' imprisonment for assault with intent to kill. The sheriff represented him as one of the most popular men of his county, and that but few persons believed him guilty of the offense of which he was convicted.

The Homicide of Young Huebel.—Last night officers Talbot and Riley arrested a young man named Charles Riley, on the charge of having been concerned in the homicide of John P. Huebel, on Wednesday night last. The father of the deceased ordered the arrest on the ground that he heard that Riley had taken a gun from a house in the neighborhood in the evening of the night when Huebel was killed. He was held for a hearing.

Charge of Theft.—Henry Repling was arrested yesterday by officer Jackson on the charge of stealing the fixtures from a stand at the Broadway market. Justice Griffin held him to bail for a hearing. It appears that the accused had a bill of sale for the articles, and without the legal process usual in such cases, seized them, and it was upon that action the theft was charged.

Fires.—The alarm of fire at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, arose from the burning of an unoccupied frame house, on the Falls road, near the Northern avenue. The house was fired under the stairway by the appliance of cotton saturated with turpentine, and was entirely destroyed.—The property was owned by Charles Slack, Esq., whose loss is about \$200.

Attempted Suicide.—Last night a colored woman living in Union street, in the western part of the city, swallowed six and a quarter cents' worth of laudanum for the purpose of destroying her life. Her condition was not immediately discovered, and the physician who was called to attend her did not express much hope of her life.

Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.—A man named C. D. Stockman was arraigned by officer Vanhollan, charged by Joseph Stewart with obtaining money under false pretences. The charge was based on the purchase of a cow, which the accused brought in from the country. Justice Showacre committed the accused for a hearing.

Marine Disaster.—The schooner Eliza, Captain Cronwell, cleared hence for Galveston, Texas, on the 21st of August, was wrecked on the night of the 6th ult on Starry Key, Bahama. She went ashore and went to pieces, before which, however, her cargo was saved in a damaged condition.—Messrs. Heiler & Rogers were her consignees.

Personal.—Mr. Carlos Zorge Monasive, one of the passengers of the disabled steamship Quaker City, and editor of the "Star of the North," published in Lambayque, Peru, was at Harnum's Hotel on Saturday. He goes to New York to-day in order to take passage on the steamer Adriatic for Aspinwall, en route for Peru.

Foundling.—Yesterday evening, about eight o'clock, a female child, apparently only a few hours old, was found deposited in the area of the dwelling of Mrs. Osborne, No. 178 Pierce street, wrapped up in a blanket, and carefully packed away in a market basket. The child was taken in and cared for, and christened Kate Pierce.

Fast Driving.—Three men, George Pearson, John Schadd and George Briden, were arraigned yesterday by officers Knowles and Wilhelm, of the Eastern district, charged with fast driving. Justice Griffin fined each \$5 with costs, and imposed an additional fine of 66 cents on Schadd for contempt.

Reopening of a Church.—The Third Reformed Church, corner of Saratoga and Paca streets, which has been enlarged, greatly improved and repainted throughout, was reopened for divine worship yesterday morning, afternoon and evening.

Asker.—The ship Silver Star, Captain Wadg, Boston, from Alexandria, Va., with coal, and bound for San Francisco, is reported ashore at Smith's Point, on the Potomac. Capt Wadg was in this city yesterday in search of assistance to get the ship off.

Charge of Theft.—Sarah Johnson, colored, was arrested by officer Benson, of the southern district, yesterday, charged with stealing a gold watch, the property of Wm. Schofield. Justice Showacre committed her for court.

Throwing Stones.—George McCurry was arrested yesterday by officer McGraw, on the charge of throwing stones in the street. He was fined \$1 and costs by Justice McAllister.