cedure. His experience had taught him that reaching a fire by means of the stairway was the best course to pursue. Elevators had the often-recurring objection in the fire that the people that they had fallen to position of the elevator and in the attempt to enter and so obstruct progress.

Watson, Pelletier and Bissell joined in the discussion. The latter mentioned in Minneapolis, those escaping from burning buildings generally succeeded with the fire escapes to the front and rear of the building, and that the principal loss was from smoke and water. Pelletier referred to the excitement those experiences produced and the necessity of preventing panic. Watson was positive in the opinion that fire escapes were a delusion and a snare and not to be relied upon in case of fire.

After further discussion of the question, it was decided not to take any action upon the matter in the convention.

IN THE EVENING.

Chief Higgins, chairman of the committee on entertainment, notified the convention that it was the intention to give the visitors an exhibition at 7:30 this afternoon.

The convention of agents of the Home Fire Insurance agency, was called to order in the chief parlor of the Knight apartment.—A. J. Cummings, chief fire department, Boston Harbor, Mass., was recognized and entered upon the record of the convention.

TO VISIT PARK CITY.

Chief Higgins has received a communication from Chief Fagan of Park City, inviting the delegates to visit the camp and make an inspection of the silver mines there, at their pleasure.

The invitation was accepted on Thursday, with the proviso that the delegates be able to return home on time to leave the 7:40 p.m. train eastward bound.

TABERNACLE CONCERT.

The free concert in the Tabernacle was announced for this evening at 8:30 and the delegates were instructed to be in their seats by that time.

A recess was taken until 2:30 this afternoon, at which time the capitols are to be viewed by the visiting delegates.

AFTER LUNCH.

At 2:30 this afternoon the visiting chiefs turned their attention to the capitols in the east wing of the Continental Market building, which were they were undergoing at press time.

YESTERDAY'S LATE WORK.

The following business was transacted at the convention yesterday afternoon after the News report closed:

The committee on credentials submitted the names of the following new members:

John Bellagfield, Northtown, Pa.; G. H. Hook, Peoria, Ohio; Natonbe Lake, Syracuse, N. Y.; John W. Wilmarth, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; James A. Richardson, Trinidad, Colo.; George O. Parry, East St. Louis, Ill.; Conrad Hauter, Muscatine, Ia.; Wm. Schlarbin, Evansville, Ind.; M. J. Myers, Mount Pleasant, Ind.; John Wilson Kearney, Neb.; George W. Hook, Pueblo, Colo.; A. J. Mercer, New Decatur, Ala.; A. J. Warner, Boise, Mont.; George Estey, Anaconda, Mont.; James Burns, Coral Falls, Mont.; L. A. Rowell, Cheyenne, Wyo.; R. Morgan, Rome City, Ind.; Rasmus Nielsen, Ogden, Utah; Charles E. Lockner, Williamette, Oreg.; Frank K. Kerr, Westminster, Ind.; J. J. Shaw, Owensboro, N. C.; Robert Fraser, Pueblo, Colo.; George Hanson, Eureka, Utah; J. E. Bentley, Chatham, Ia.

STATE FIREMEN'S ORGANIZATION.

William Exel, delegate, New Jersey; J. J. Shaw, North Carolina; L. W. Clark, Vermont; E. W. Hockman, Illinois; George W. Brooks, Pennsylvania; F. W. Peabody, Maine.

The published program was then taken up as follows:

Topic No. 1.—"How are private fire departments to be properly organized, drilled and kept in order to place in any fire department?"—Jacob Hoffman, Fire inspector, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

There was no discussion on this topic as the president of the department to which it was assigned was not present.

Topic No. 2.—"The best and most economical method of extinguishing fires in high buildings."—Chief Higgins, Reading, Pa. Higgins, Reading, Pa. Higgins, Reading, Mass., was the only one to speak on this topic. He was opposed to the use of water towers, as being too slow in getting into position to be of any service. He favored the use of portable ladders and the use of the fire escape. He was in favor of the use of the fire escape. He was in favor of the use of the fire escape. He was in favor of