

Location of Magazines.—The matter of the location of powder magazines is one that requires the most careful deliberation, in view of the recent disastrous explosion. The recommendations contained in the report of the City Council's special committee on the subject contained several excellent points, but, so far as the location is concerned, there may be some question as to the one pointed out by the report being the safest and best that could be adopted.

Some of its advantages are that its being north of the city, with a convenient side track leading to it from the railroad, would prevent the explosive material being loaded into wagons at the depot from the cars and taken through the populous city, as was the case when the magazines were on Arsenal Hill.

Also, that, in the event of an explosion it would do comparatively little damage, except perhaps to chance travelers along the road in that vicinity, for that public road is considerably used for traffic.

Some of the objections to the location alluded to are that although it obviates the necessity of unloading the powder from the cars in the heart of the city and conveying it through the streets in wagons, the fact that the great bulk of the material is used, for mining and other purposes, south and south-west of the city makes it necessary, after all, to cart the great bulk of the powder used from the magazines through the city southwards, which operation is always attended with danger.

In this view of the matter, would it not be more desirable to have the location at some place south of the city, at some point sufficiently removed from the traveled road and from other buildings, &c., as, to make the presence of the magazines comparatively harmless?

Another thing that it might be well to consider in this connection, is to have some trustworthy person or persons specially appointed to take charge of the magazines after they are built, such guard or guards to be maintained at the expense of the companies whose special interests are thus cared for, and when a quantity of powder is desired from any of the buildings, for the party in charge to receive the order and see to the delivery, and the same with regard to consignments.

The importance and gravity of this subject requires that it should be viewed from every point before final conclusions are reached, and it is with this view that the foregoing suggestions are offered.

By Telegraph.

AMERICAN.

CINCINNATI, O., 17.—The Commercial's special says that a fire at Milford, Ind., last night, destroyed property valued at \$30,000; the insurance will not cover one tenth of the loss.

The Commercial's special says that a fire at Cambridge City, last night, destroyed Deland's drug store, Morey's grocery store, and the Odd Fellows' and Conklin halls; the loss is estimated at \$60,000, insurance \$22,000.

LOUISVILLE, 17.—A Danville special says, that on Sunday night, a most disastrous fire occurred there, originating in Brewer's livery stables, consuming several buildings in that vicinity; the County Jail was burned, but the prisoners escaped uninjured. Sparks set fire to the Caldwell Institute, half a mile distant, and soon destroyed it. The property was valued at \$75,000, insurance one third. Other property uninsured.

OTTAWA, 16.—The country on both sides of the Rideau River, between this city and Hogsback, is inundated. The St. Lawrence and Ottawa railroad track has been torn up by the freshet in many places near here, and trains are unable to pass over it. In Jonesville and New Edinburgh some inhabitants have been compelled to leave their houses. The Montreal road is impassable, there being five feet of water on it in places. The water subsided some this evening, and the railway bridges are no longer endangered.

MONTREAL, 17.—The river is rising, and the tubular bridge is threatened, as the ice is being piled up to the bridge.

WASHINGTON, 18.—The Sergeant-at-Arms, to-day, produced Hallett Kilbourn before Chief Justice Carter, and, on his return, claimed that the writ of habeas corpus could not legally reach the case. The Judge ordered the Marshal to take charge of the prisoner pending a hearing. The Judge requested counsel to furnish briefs, and postponed a further hearing until to-morrow.

The first payment of silver coin was made to-day by Treasurer New to Representative Foster, of the appropriation committee. The regular payment to the public for fractional currency, will begin on Thursday, regulations to this effect having been prepared. It is expected that there will be a heavy demand for coin for the first few days.

NEW YORK, 18.—The championship bicycle race of fifty miles, between D. Stanton, the English champion, and W. L. McClellan, the American champion, occurred to-night, and resulted in a victory for Stanton; McClellan broke down on his sixteenth mile, and also on the twentieth mile, when he left the track altogether. Stanton continued on and finished the fifty miles in 3 hours and 4 minutes. A large number of persons witnessed the match, the winner was loudly cheered at the finish.

On the order of Rufus Hatch, Judge Barrett, in the Supreme Court at Chambers, this a.m., granted an order to show cause, on next Monday, why Sidney Dillon, President of the Pacific Mail and S. S. Co., and Edward King, President of the Union Trust Company, should not be compelled by peremptory mandamus to give plaintiff full access to all the books, papers, letters and telegrams of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Plaintiff claims that it is important for the interests of the shareholders, and to enable him to properly carry on his duties as director of the company, and that he refused such inspection by Sydney Dillon. Mr. King is included in the order, because the transfer books are deposited with the Union Trust Co., and Mr. King will not allow the plaintiff to inspect them without an order from Sydney Dillon.

ST. LOUIS, 18.—The proprietors of the Missouri State lottery have brought suit against the board of police commissioners, asking \$100,000 damages, for breaking up their business by late raids upon their offices and the seizure of their property.

A gang of railroad car robbers, who have been operating on the roads coming to St. Louis from the east, has been broken up by our police. John Johnson, Mike McMahon, and Al. Hart have been arrested.

Quite a serious riot occurred at Leavenworth, Kansas, yesterday between a body of striking miners and some negroes, whom the owners of the mines intended to set to work; pistols, knives, brickbats, clubs &c. were used, and some heads and bones were broken but no fatal casualties are reported.

CHICAGO, 18.—The election passed off quietly. A large vote was polled; the results are not yet known, but the friends of decency and reform are hopeful.

Midnight.—The returns from the city election are only scattering. Enough of the precincts are heard from, however, to indicate that the side of decency has prevailed, and that what is known as the "bummer" element has been ousted, and that the common council will be composed largely of good men. The vote for Hoyne for mayor has been tolerably full, though both republicans and democrats have scratched his name in many precincts. The Tribune, editorially, to-morrow, will announce the grounds on which Mr. Hoyne will base his claim to the mayoralty. They are—First, that a vacancy existed by the adoption of the new charter, which provides that the persons then in office should continue to act until the next election; second, that this vacancy existing, it was the right of the people to elect a person to fill that vacancy at the next election; third, the failure of the mayor and common council, or of all other officers, to call such an election, cannot defeat the right of the people to hold it, and that such election is as valid as though notice had been given; fourth, that the election having been held, no refusal by the judges of election to make the returns, or of the common council to canvass them, can invalidate it.

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