

nour, Eugene F. Hagney had a plumbing shop. On the ground floor of No. 78 John T. Klein had a jewelry shop and under him H. Mincona had a barber shop. The second floor of Nos. 68, 70, 72 and 74 was occupied by Ellis & McDonald, blank book and pattern makers. The South Publishing Company had the same space on the third floor. The second and third floors of Nos. 76 and 78 and the fourth and fifth floors of Nos. 70, 72 and 74 were occupied by Liebler & Maas, lithographers. A. W. Lindsay occupied the fourth and fifth floors of Nos. 76 and 78 with his type foundry. Taylor's building was erected twenty-two years ago. It was five stories high and built of brick, with wooden supports. There were no partition walls. Each floor was supported by fourteen-inch beams, running from the wall facing the street to the fire wall, separating the Taylor building from the rear of the building on Barclay street. Stripped of the flooring the building was an immense shell, criss-crossed with wooden supports. The rear wall which still stands uninjured, is three bricks thick. What remains of the front wall is what is known as an eighteen-inch wall. The stairway was an open one, and the elevator was closed with a hand-trap. It was lighted by gas and kerosene. Altogether

THE PREMISES ARE UNDESIRABLE, and in several instances insurance was refused. It was considered by the insurance firm, who furnished this description, as an omnibus risk, not to be touched at a less rate than 5 or 6 per cent. On first-class buildings the rate is from one-fifth to one-half per cent.

The iron fire escape stretches from the roof on the Greenwith street side down to within about twelve feet of the ground. It crosses the windows of A. W. Lindsay's establishment on the fourth and fifth floors, and the windows of Liebler & Maas' office and stock rooms on the second and third floors. Many escaped that way. When the alarm came many make a rush for the windows, and it is not thought that any who were in that section of the building have perished.

MIKE CARROLL, a subway pipeman of 340 Tenth avenue, emerged from the cloud of dust and smoke and rushed up the street. Carroll was considerably unnerved. "The watchman," he said, "asked me to look out for him while he went to dinner. I sat on an old nail keg, just outside of Peterson's restaurant, when I felt the explosion. It lifted me off my seat and tumbled me over into the road. I got up and ran, dropping my coat, and the wall behind me buried a man who was following me. There were about twenty people in the restaurant, and I know there were six or seven cooks and helpers in the kitchen in the basement. I don't see how any of them got out. In Rosenfeld's basement there were five girls washing themselves, ready to leave work. I watched them, and they were in the basement when I ran past. They were employed cutting gold leaf and putting it in books. I don't know where the explosion came from. It seemed to come from all around and then the wall rounded out and fell. Four children were playing just in front of the building and a woman was wheeling

a carriage with a baby in it. They cannot have escaped. A man jumped from a wagon and got away. I have not seen the wagon since."

Carroll's coat was found near the body of the man he had seen trying to escape.

A. W. LINDSAY, who employs between forty and fifty hands, half of them girls, was not in his office when the accident happened. He expressed himself as but little surprised, and said that for a long time he had considered the building unsafe. He thought that the weight on the upper floors was more than a building without partition walls should be made to bear. His theory of the collapse is that there was no explosion, but that the continual jarring of the many printing presses, all working the same way, had shaken some of the short crossbeams from the main supports, and that the shock of the floor which had given way, jumping from the beam along the front wall, had jerked the wall from its perpendicularity and that it had immediately fallen to the street, dragging the interior of the building by the floorings with it. The noise, described by those in the vicinity as that of an explosion, Mr. Lindsay believes to have been caused by the cracking of the great beams. There was no light in the rear of the building except what came from the front windows. Nearly all of the pressmen worked by gaslight. The gas pipes, broken by the fallen walls and machinery, were doubtless responsible for the flames which arose with such awful rapidity.

#### CITY COUNCIL.

An adjourned session of the City Council was held August 18th, Mayor Scott presiding. The following members were in attendance: Pickard, Spafford, Pendleton, Hardy, Hyde, Tuddenham, Anderson, Lynn and Young.

The following

#### PETITIONS

were read and referred as hereinafter mentioned:

J. E. Foote asked for \$10 damages alleged to have been sustained by his horse stepping into a hole in the street. Committee on claims.

C. O. Whittemore et al. asked for an extension of water mains on Third East street. Committee on waterworks.

S. A. Hendrickson asked for an abatement of taxes. Laid on the table.

S. L. Alexander asked to be exempted from paying special pavement tax. Board of public works with power to act.

J. A. Meyer and thirty others asked for better police protection in the vicinity of the Utah & Northern depot. Referred to the city marshal.

Building Inspector Grant asked that the building laws be amended so as to make it unlawful to repair any frame building within the fire limits after it had been damaged by fire, the elements or decay to the extent of 50 per cent. of its original value. Committee on municipal laws.

J. A. Huls and thirty-eight others asked for an extension of water mains on Seventh South street, from present terminus to Indiana avenue.

J. A. Morlan asked to be allowed to

lay his own sidewalk. Board of public works with power to act.

H. E. Carter asked that the city vacate the east end of Viola avenue. Committee on public grounds.

T. R. Jones et al. asked that a sidewalk district be established on Fifth East between South Temple and First South streets, including both sides of said street. Granted.

Fred Trimmer represented that P. P. Pratt had erected a building on a public street, leading from Canyon Road to the Capitol Grounds, and asked that he be ejected therefrom. Committee on streets.

W. W. Rivers et al. asked that an electric light be placed on the corner of Fourth South and Fourth West streets. Committee on improvements.

James Hagney et al. asked that a sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Second South from Fifth to Seventh West streets. Committee on streets.

O. H. Hardy and others asked that the Van Natta road, which had been damaged by the Utah Lime and Cement company, be put in proper repair, otherwise a suit would be instituted against the city. The Margetts estate had already suffered some \$1500 by reason of the work of the lime and cement company. Committee on streets.

Harvey Hardy et al. called attention to the bad condition of Second South between Main and West Temple streets, and asked that it be placed in proper condition. Filed.

J. H. Young asked that Seth Littleford be appointed special policeman. Granted.

R. C. Chambers asked the abatement of special sidewalk tax. Board of public works.

Popperton Place and Rapid Transit Street Railway company asked the Council to reconsider its action in refusing that company a franchise asked for at the last session. Laid on the table.

Anna S. Castle asked the cancellation of special sidewalk tax. Board of public works.

W. F. Salisbury and Mary Nixon made similar requests. Same action.

W. W. Randolph asked to be appointed superintendent of Liberty Park. Referred to the mayor.

James E. Beveridge asked for a rebate on license. Committee on license.

J. G. Brooks et al. asked for an extension of water mains on Third South street between Main and First East streets. Committee on waterworks.

James E. Hickley et al. asked for an extension of water mains on Second West street. Committee on waterworks.

Heber J. Grant et al. asked that an ordinance be enacted creating a board of examiners to pass upon the safety of steam plants. Committee on improvements.

Du Bols & Williams asked for sixty days additional time for completion of contract on Parley's Canyon conduit. Board of public works.

Henry Cohn and F. Auerbach presented a copy of the contract between them and the Jordan & Salt Lake Surplus Canal company; also a complaint alleging that said contract had been violated by the city, the present owner of the said canal. They asked