

and very comfortable in Sanpe2 county. He states that during the past season he raised five hundred bushels of potatoes on an acre and a quarter, some of which were over four pounds in weight.

ANOTHER LARGE FIRE.

First National Bank and Two Other Buildings Destroyed.

It is only two weeks ago last Friday night since nine buildings and a large quantity of other property were destroyed by fire, in this City, and now we are visited by another conflagration still more destructive, so far as the value is concerned.

About half past four o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the upper story of that splendid building, the First National Bank, erected by Mr. W. Hussey at a cost of \$140,000. The flames appeared, when first discovered, to have caught inside the Mansard roof, from the north-east side of which dense columns of smoke issued. Several parties rushed to the upper part of the building to do something towards the extinguishment of the flames, but they had gained too much headway to succumb to that kind of effort.

The fire alarms were rung at the City Hall and Wasatch engine house, and the members of the Fire Brigade, with their apparatus, were on the spot as speedily as possible, and they worked manfully and energetically to subdue and stop the progress of the fire. The heavy, hard timbers of the beautiful bank structure burned somewhat slowly, but at times the huge flames shot high into the air, sent forth volumes of smoke and filled the air with vivid sparks. The result of the fire, so far as this fine building is concerned is that it is almost totally destroyed, leaving but little save the walls standing, and the ornamental iron front. The north wall remains intact, but the upper portion of the south one fell outward this morning, and went crashing through the building immediately south of it, occupied by Seigel Bros., dealers in ready made clothing. By this crash this building was literally demolished, excepting a small portion in front, and the great bulk of the stock and fixtures buried in the debris, besides being damaged by water. The building, two stories high, which was occupied by Seigel Bros., was the property of Messrs. W. C. Staines, John Needham, and Mrs. Whitmore.

The two story building north of the Bank, occupied by Watters & Brother, jewelers, caught fire, and was also destroyed. This building belongs to Mr. John Hepworth. Here the fire stopped, but in the large bank building it has smouldered most of the day, and the firemen have been engaged in completing its extinguishment by playing upon it a stream of water from the steam fire engine hose, and also, part of the day, from the hose of the Wasatch engine.

The Deseret National Bank Co., who were doing business on the first floor of the Bank building, got away with scarcely any loss. Parties interested in the bank were on the ground soon after the commencement of the fire, and carried the specie and paper out in buckets, and when the cash account was footed up it came out clear. The stationery and some papers of the Company are in the vaults and supposed to be safe. The Company, with their usual enterprise and dispatch, opened for business at half past ten this morning in the office of Z. C. M. I.

Col. J. H. L. Patrick had a suite of rooms in the building, and probably saved most of his furniture, which was also the good fortune of the Flagstaff Mining Co., whose office was on the same floor.

The office furniture and books of attorneys Hoge and Jonassen, on the same floor, were also mostly saved.

The Bank building, as before stated, was erected at a cost of \$140,000, was the property of Walker Brothers, and was insured for \$75,000.

The loss of Messrs. Staines and Needham and Mrs. Whitmore, by whom we are specially desired to return, for them, grateful thanks to all who aided in attempts to save the property, is about \$5,000; no insurance.

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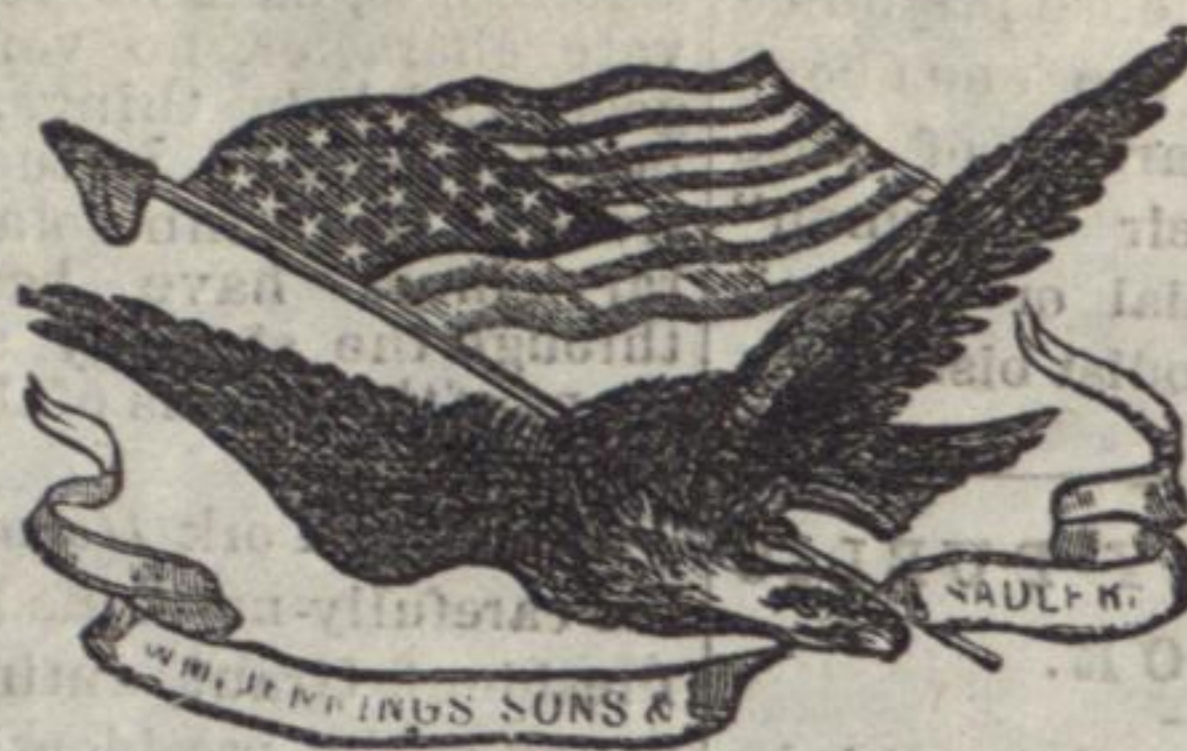
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The above figures are not assumed to be strictly correct, an exact estimate being as yet impossible, but they are based on the best sources of information at our command. They take the total property destroyed up to a sum a little rising of \$180,000.

The third floor of the bank building was used as a dancing hall, being known as Hussey's Hall. The upper or fourth floor, which is smaller, was used for a similar purpose, and we are informed that there was dancing in the latter part last night.

There appears to be no definite clue to the origin of the fire. It has been surmised that it originated in a defective flue, but a gentleman in the building line, who noticed the structure when it was being erected, says that that is next to an impossibility, the flues being of double brick and plastered in the interior, and the whole building being constructed as well and securely as any in the city. It appears also that Messrs. Walker Brothers had taken due precautions against the contingency of fire, having had several men at work in the building for the past two weeks, with a view to rendering it safe in that particular, and other matters.

Superfluous Women.

The fact that there are more women than men in the State of Massachusetts is well enough known, but in the opinion of the Boston Daily Advertiser, the usual explanations of the disparity are not the true ones. It says that the excess of women is not to be accounted for either by the emigration of men from the State or by the alleged fact that Massachusetts furnished an exception to the general rule in the matter of male and female births. The rule is that there are more men children than women children born into the world, and it has been supposed that in Massachusetts this rule has been reversed by some occult law or undiscovered circumstance. This, the Advertiser believes, is a mistake, and it sees in the excess of women a result of the large amount of manufacturing done in the State. The emigration of men to the middle and western States has its influence upon the ratio of males to females, but this one cause of disparity is not sufficient to account for the actual state of the case. The Advertiser finds a more active influence in the amount of light work for women which the factories constantly afford, and says that the excess of women is due chiefly to the incoming of working-girls from other States, and particularly from Maine and Vermont. This view is strengthened by the fact that Maine, which has suffered far more severely than has Massachusetts from the emigration of its men, has only 709

more women than men; while in Vermont the males outnumber the females by 889. The theory is further sustained by a comparison of the statistics of factory towns with those of farming communities—a comparison which shows that the disparity between the numbers of the two sexes is considerably greater in the cities and towns devoted chiefly to manufacturing industries than anywhere else, and notably in Lowell, which has 549 females to every 441 males.

Unluckily for the new theory, however, the census shows an excess of women, not only in the States at large, but also in every county, which, in view of the fact that the excess in manufacturing towns must be largely made up of native women drawn from the State's own farming communities, seems to show that the State does, after all, constitute an exception to the general rule. The farming communities lose men to the West, but they lose women also to the manufacturing towns, and yet there remains in every county a numerical excess of women.—New York Post.

A little fellow, five or six years old, who had been wearing undershirts much too small for him, after having been washed, was put into another garment as much too large as the other had been too small. Our six year old shrugged his shoulders, shook himself, walked around, and finally burst out with, "Ma, I do feel awful lonesome in this shirt."

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