

ROCHESTER DAILY DEMOCRAT

1/7/1869--Thursday

AWFUL CALAMITY

Frightful destruction of life.

8 lives lost.

50 terrible wounded.

Falling of floors at Sts. Peter and Paul's German School

An accident more destructive than any hitherto occurring in the city happened last night at the German School of St. Peter and St. Paul where school children had met for the Epiphany Festival. The party was on the second floor of the new school building attached to the church. The attendance was very large and the school room, a large hall quite so long and not so wide as Corinthian (?) divided into 3 compartments by two glass sliding doors, was densely packed by little people enjoying the music. at about 9 o'clock a great number crowded in the front compartment where the main tables were, as is customary in festivals and fairs.

There was no unusual movement to cause excitement and the crowd eagerly listened to a melodeon was in one instant without a breath of warning compressed into one struggling shrieking mass of humanity as the floor sank, a blinding cloud of dust arose obscuring the view of those in the adjoining compartment who were expecting the whole building to sink. so fearful was the noise and confusion. The front compartment let it be understood was the only one that fell, the floor falling conversely a funnel(?) At the center of which a slender iron column served as a support to the floor above. The floor which fell being supported by a similar column and the lower floor also by one which rested on a brick abatement. Here seem to have been the cause of the disaster as the column which supported the first floor on which were but, a few people crushed out the mason work and the second floor losing the control support, fell with the weight of several hundred people upon it. A sense of appalling agony followed the catastrophe those who were in the upper parts of the school where the floor remained intact made a frantic plunge for the stairway, women shrieking an sobbing for little ones and distracted fathers searching wildly for missing children. Many were crushed in the tumultuous passages and others rendered desperate by the agonizing supplications of friends and relatives threw themselves from the windows in a mad endeavor to get at the shrieking mangled forms in the vortex so to speak, of the crushed floor. At this time the bell rang the alarm, and Mr. George Cooper of the Union coming to his door on Kent St. nearly a quarter of mile off heard quite distinctly the hoarse manner of fright and terror

With the aid and that of the police the work of rescue began and a series of sights that froze the very manhood in the veins of the strongest followed. Those who were of the party were so paralyzed with terror that they were unfit to render the slightest assistance and those attracted to the scene of woe, were the only ones capable of aiding systematically the unfortunates. By the aid of the doorkeeper Jacob Frank {bodies} crushed by the iron columns in the center were slowly extricated and identified. And there was soon a woeful and distressing sight. Bernard Donner a young German lay with his wife clasping him, both in the rigid agony of death crushed and mangled but recognizable. In this spot lay in a huddled mass under the melodeon and supporting column 25 crush bodies, 8 stark and dead. The hands of the strongest trembled and the groans of strong men rent the air, while women on the outside clamored and wailed for the little ones. Slowly the dead and wounded were taken to the priest's house and to the church but a step from the fatal spot. As each body was carried from the spot, terrified enquirers would rush and tear their way to see if kindred or friend were the sufferers.

There were those carried out dead 8 bodies:

Bernard Donner and his wife Sophie

George Popp old man over 60.

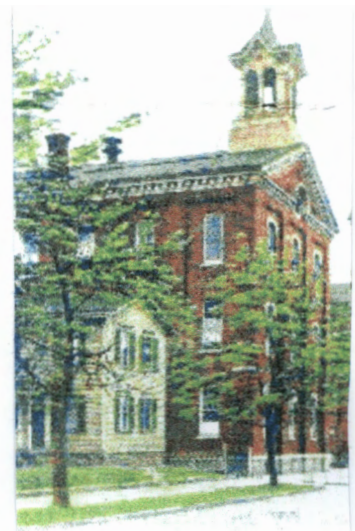
Mrs. Kate Sperl Aged about 56. Lives on Orange St.

Emma Beers adopted daughter of Charles beers

Mrs. Barbara Rinck wife of George Rinck , an old lady about 60. Jay Street

Maggie Weiss, a girl about 13

Kate Laurence



The wounded:

Eizabeth Osbourn, wounded severely in the head

Sarah Reichert, dreadfully wounded about the head

Thomas Wolff 11 yrs old, not badly

Mrs. Wiess, mother of the dead girl, injured seriously about the head

David W. Way, lives on Clark St. probably fatally

Caroline Begy, slightly

Wolfgang Slager, slightly

Moran Mura, injured about the head, Maple Street.

Dena Helate slightly

Mrs. Malene Nagle(?) - slightly

Mrs. Mary Smith, arm dislocated

Mrs. Hencher, aged 50, fatally

Mrs. Catharine Fuch, wife of Peter Fuch, seriously

There were many others wounded but the excitement was so intense and uncontrollable that we could not find either the sufferers or any one who could tell with sufficient certainty the names of those we failed to see.

At the earliest practical moment the crushed forms were placed tenderly in the chamber of the priest and in the contiguous houses where the kindest attention and solicitude were shown by the occupants

The report by this time had spread rapidly and eager crowds with pallid faces and bloodless lips pressed hurriedly to the couches of the sufferers dreading lest near and a dear one might be stretched in death or in the agony of crushed and mangled helplessness. So unnerving was the scene that the police were out of very kindness forced to refuse admittance to the distracted throng. Shrieks and wailing were heard on all sides as little ones sought for missing parents and missing parents sought dazedly for the children known to be in the fatal building.

In the priests house the scenes were cruelly touching. On one table ghastly and rigid lay the forms of 2 dead women, Mrs. Minck and Katie Lawrence, the one nearly three score, the other but 15 ...heads crushed and bloody and faces clotted with their own gore. awful visions of sudden and instantaneous death. These two bodies were perfectly tense and not a bone in the body remained uncrushed. In the next room lay Mr. David C. Way who can hardly recover cared for by kindly by a couple of the city doctors. On the floor a little creature lay groaning and sobbing with a broken arm. Every attention possible was being paid these unhappy sufferers. In another room an old man George Popp lay on a floor no relatives to mourn or care for him but over him sat a tearful woman rocking mournfully over the stranger, who was her lodger. His face was peaceful save the bandages which upheld his jaw. One would have imagined him sleeping. Beyond him on the floor was the most pathetic of all the night's bloody work. A little girl, with bloody .swollen features lay in the painful attitude of one who had struggled for life. Black purple streaks disfigured the face and the mouth was compressed in the unthinkable agony. Her hand covered with flaxen curls and her hands still retained a clotted mat of hair pulled from the poor head in the awful struggle with death. This was the girl Maggie Wiess..... She lay desolately in the corner unmourned and unnoticed save by the curious. Suddenly a girlish figure gained admittance and rushed frantically to the little dead form, gave a piercing shriek of woeful recognition threw herself beside the dead form, kissing the cold bloody lips and wailing out, Oh Maggie, Oh! My God Maggie, what will our father say!! What will he say? At the same time caressing the little bloody form. At last exhausted by her inhuman grief, the frenzied little one rocked and sank into a sort of collapse and sobbed convulsively till exhausted this stage was succeed by a state of stupor.

In the chamber above lay Mrs. Fuchs, a lady venerable with years and wounded nigh onto death both limbs being broken and arm either broken or paralyzed. There were seen four dead bodies in the priest's house and three either mortally or severely wounded. In the Church which was thrown open an agitated mob swayed ... with awful...others to see with... curiosity laying in one end still clasping each other as in the crush of destruction lay the shattered bodies of Bernard Donner and his wife. The tender thoughtfulness kindly spectators had wrapped the ghastly nakedness, the bodies having been entirely divested of clothing. The bodies were mangled frightfully, deep gashes were plowed in... to bloody Rending recognition.....

{The children of this union...} . There three little children lay in their beds who should never again.....

In the night the two forms were taken from Church and before this the little ones have learned their grievous loss. Immediately opposite the school at Mr. Tanner's lay the bodies of Miss Emma Beers the adopted daughter of Charles G. Beer was taken to the festival by a servant who was quite badly wounded also. Miss Beers lay stark and rigid her face black and ridged with scars as though lashed by pitiless thongs. Mr. Beers was from town and no one seemed to have sent for the mother of the unfortunate child. In a room adjoining lay the last of the victims, Mrs. Sperl, whose husband curious to say was barely saved from a similar accident by the falling of a building in town. The gray hair of the woman lay in thin bloody clots about her forehead and peacefully closed eyes with a tearful calmness and pathos trying for the strongest to see without tears. So much for the dead, they are beyond even our sympathy but there are still remaining the unfortunates who were happy enough or unhappy perhaps to escape with broken limbs and fearful contusions. All the aid that medical experienced could offer was promptly and efficiently rendered by physicians, who in immense numbers were on the spot with wonder alacrity. Dismay and sorrow were the chief features of the scene from these the most coherent and accurate story could not be accepted, but we have embodied substantially the sights and events that were personally brought to our notice during a pretty thorough investigation of the accident and its results. As the night wore on the excitement did not perceptively diminished and excited and eager throngs sought the various resting places of the wounded. The old man, Mr. Popp, about 11 o'clock was carried from the priest's house ghastly and limp and placed in a common sleigh to be carried to his home. The whole neighborhood was in distress and terror as but few who had not some relative or friend at the festival.

These are the bloody pictures of a few short hours and though hurriedly and inadequately painted none can feel to catch the fleeting vision of death as its photographed in the mangled dead of the night's holocaust. The policemen and firemen were on the scene and worked with their usual efficiency and vigor. Coroners Harder and Morrison will hold an inquest today.

The cause from which this fearful calamity arose was the defect in the architecture and construction of the building. To give our readers as good an idea of the building as possible we will give a brief outline of the manner in which it is built. The four stories high including the basement. Each of the three floors is divided into three compartments by partitions designed for school rooms. In the center of each of these rooms is an iron pillar which supports the ceiling above. These pillars are directly over each other and each set numbering three rest on an abatement of brickwork which is sixteen inches square and about ten feet high the distance between the basement floor and the ceiling above. At the time the accident occurred the front room of the building was occupied with all the men, women and children who could crowd into them. On the first floor however supper tables were spread running through the center of the room at those tables were seated was seated about one hundred forty four persons and the together with the waiters and others swelled this number to about 175. On this floor above was the band and those ... congregated filling the room to its utmost capacity. The third or last floor was densely crowded in like manner. Under this state of affairs, when all were happy and innocently enjoying themselves father with wife, sister with brother and friend with friend without a moment's warning the second floor gave way with a crash in the center, forming the letter V into the mouth of which this vast concourse of humanity was indiscriminately tumbled. The large iron column standing between the second and third floors fell from its place, killing and maiming those who were so unfortunate as to be under it. The floor sagged with the weight of persons upon it, when its central and only support the iron pillar fell, but fortunately for those of the ones in the room as it did not crash into the ruins. The depression of the floor was so great that the crowd became intensely excited and rushed wildly towards the doors, one old woman had nearly all her clothing stripped from her body by the jam which was produced by those who were endeavoring to gain an exit from the room. When the first moments of incredible dismay had passed, those who had escaped injury at once proceeded to remove the unfortunates who were buried in the debris of the timbers and plastering. One by one they were removed some with life extinct, others gasping in their last agony, while others were faint and helpless with limbs broken and bodies maimed. They were conveyed to the Pastor's house, the church and the dwellings near at hand. In viewing the basement we found as already stated the brick abatement which supported those three floors above which was the fatal cause of the disaster, crushed to stones to widen about two feet of the foundation. The bricks happened to be of a poor quality and very thinly spread with mortar. At this time then that the front column fell which rested on this abatement two or three men were in the room. They stated that the brick actually crumbled beneath the weight that was on them. Fortunately, the first floor did not fall or they with the others would have been buried in the ruins.

Who is responsible for the sad and fearful calamity it is not our province at this time, to determine. As we have before said the construction of the building was defective and utterly unfit for the purpose for which it was designed. It was even unsafe a place for four or five hundred children to assemble daily not to say, to sustain the immense weight of probably two thousand people as it was compelled the last night. We are informed that Messers. Landr and Hagarty superintended the mason work until the joints of the first floor were laid, and subsequent to that time until the completion of the building. It was under the superintendence of A.J. Warner architect and D. Mara did the carpenter work. The building was completed about three months since and has been occupied as a school house for the children of the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul Church up to the present time.

We are not aware that any festival similar to that of last evening has been held in the building. It is an occasion that will long be remembered by the citizens of Rochester and will recur with fearful interest to the minds of the people in whose midst this calamity occurred.



# THE CATASTROPHE.

## Additional Particulars.

The brief time allotted us Wednesday night after the catastrophe at Sts. Peter and Paul's (German) Roman Catholic school-house, did not permit of giving that full detail that we desired.

The number who were killed by the accident is eight, as we stated yesterday; but on inquiry we find a great many are to be added to the

### LIST OF WOUNDED.

David C. Way, machinist, residing on Clark street, was internally injured. Last evening he was reported to be in as comfortable a condition as could be expected, with good prospects of a speedy recovery.

Daughter of Michael Wolf, Orange street, severely injured about the neck and head.

Mrs. John Felsinger, daughter and son—each injured slightly; Mrs. Meble, and Kate Cline, leg slightly hurt; Miss Wolf injured by jumping from the window; Libbie Merclinger, leg broken; Louise Wegman, bruised about the body; Mrs. Wegman, stomach injured by being stepped on; Miss Koeth, bruised about the chest in the same manner; Julia Hook, severely hurt; Joseph Heungs, face and eye cut; Catharine White, bruised; Miss Maggie Barker, ankle sprained and face cut; Mrs. Dell, injured in side and leg; Kitty Ellis, bruised and arm sprained; Clara Breise, bruised about the body; Kitty Shen, in like manner injured and confused about the eye; John Zaches, cut on the head; wife of Ex-Ald. Adelman, hand cut badly; Mrs. Crossman, rib broken; Libbie Brier, bruised about the face; little daughter of Samuel Donnellan, leg injured; Catharine Lintz, leg fractured; Phillip Zorn, dislocated knee joint; Anna Mouter, injured in the back; Wolfgang Stager, ribs supposed to be broken; Sophia Waddle, slightly bruised; Mrs. Stellwager, leg broken; Mrs. Reiser and daughter, injured quite severely; Peter Gushart, badly bruised about the head; John Bleizer, injured in the back; Mrs. Fleisch, Miss Mattie H. Spreger, each slightly injured; Miss Rannington, daughter of Anthony Rannington of Greece, arm broken; Mrs. Henchen, injured internally; Mrs. Boehert and daughter, severely injured.

The above named persons are doubtless not all who suffered to a greater or lesser extent by the dreadful accident. The pastor of the church, Rev. F. H. Senclad, yesterday visited as many of the sufferers as he could learn of, and found them all, with the exception of those who had bones broken, in a comfortable state. Many were about their usual avocations.

In the haste with which our yesterday's report was written, we were unable to give credit to those who lent a helping hand at the time of the disaster. When the floor first gave way policeman White was standing in the door of the church. He went immediately to the scene and made efforts to release those who were in the ruins. Policeman Speers was also soon on the ground and assisted in removing the dead and wounded. As soon as the church bell was sounded, an idea suggested by Coroner Treat, a general alarm of fire was given, and the Fire Department together with many members of the Police force quickly were on the ground. Mayor Fish and Police Commissioner G. G. Cooper in-

structed the police in their duty, and stationed them at various points to protect the clothing and property which were left in the building; and also to keep the throng of eager spectators from crowding the houses where the dead and wounded were lying. Nearly all the city physicians were present and cheerfully assisted those who needed their aid. Bishop McQuaid and Rev. James M. Early on being apprised of the nature of the accident, visited the scene and did much towards allaying the excitement of the people, especially the friends of those who lost their lives and those who suffered injury. Coroners Harder and Morrison also did excellent service.

### THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

In respect to the cause of the accident we located it, as we believe, properly in yesterday's report. There were some particulars which we did not give. On the top of the brick pier was a stone ten inches square and twelve inches high. The bottom of this stone which rested on the pier had a very uneven surface, in fact only one side rested evenly on the brick work. The top of the stone was dressed properly, and upon it stood the iron column. It will be remembered that the brick pier was sixteen inches square, while the stone or cap which stood on top of it had a square surface of only ten inches. Thus it may be seen at once, that inasmuch as the stone was not dressed evenly on the bottom, the least swaying of the floor would throw the pillar out of perpendicular, and by the weight being cast on one side of the pier, the brick work must give way and the casualty follow as a natural consequence. If the stone cap had had the same surface as that of the pier, and an equal bearing at every point, there is little probability that the sad accident would have occurred.

By the presence of mind of the pastor a more fearful disaster than that which has happened was prevented. As soon as the floor fell and while yet all was confusion and dismay, he went to the basement and turned off the gas. If the building had caught fire, no mind can picture the dreadful consequences that would have resulted.

### THE INQUEST.

Yesterday morning Coroners Harder and Morrison summoned a jury, and they viewed the scene of the accident. They were occupied all day yesterday in taking testimony at the pastoral residence of Sts. Peter and Paul's church. Coroner Treat assisted in the work. The inquest will be continued to-day at Coroner Harder's office, on State street.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of six of those who were killed, viz: Bernard Donner and wife, George Popp, Mrs. B. Spert, Mrs. Geo. Rink and Maggie Weisa, will take place to-day. Services appropriate to the occasion will be held in Sts. Peter and Paul's church at 2 1-2 o'clock A. M.

In respect to the parties who did the work on the building, we are requested to state that Mr. F. C. Lauer laid only the brick work above the basement, while Messrs. Harggrader & Cramer did all the mason work in the basement. Mr. Lauer claims that a piece of timber which was rotten and which laid upon the brick pier gave way and not the brick work.



The labors of the Coroner's Jury on the cause of the disaster of Wed. night last at Sts. Peter and Paul Church were terminated last evening and a verdict rendered.

We give below the testimony in full of those who were connected in any way in the work of the building, the school house and the opinion of those who are competent to judge of the work

Francis Henry Sinclair, being duly sworn said. I am the Priest of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, the trustees and congregation decided to have a concert or festival for the benefit of the school building which took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> last. I observed a large crowd moving into the school room, the tables for supper etc. being in the lower floor and the concert in the second and third floors. Being down in the basement about 9: 15 PM I notices a sudden crush, the lights being extinguished at the same time my first impression was that a gas meter had exploded; after lighting a candle I found different and that the floor had fallen in, several persons being killed and others wounded. The bodies of the killed were taken some into the parsonage, some into the church and others into private houses, the school house was planned and built under the supervision of A.J. Warner & Co., architects, the brick was furnished by the congregation; the stone work was build and the materials furnished by Kramer & Hargarter, the brick was laid by F.C. Lauer ? & Son , who furnished mortar there and also the cut stone, the carpenter and joiner work was done by Mess. D. Maurer ?& Co, the architects had the whole control of the entire building during the erection.

A.J. Warner, being duly sworn says: I am an architect, the plans of the school house were made by A.J. WARNER & Co., my partner Mr. Coots , drew the plans, all the architectural services of the firm on this building were done by my partner Mr. Coots.

Charles Coots, being duly sworn, says I am a partner of A.J. Warner, architect; I drew the plans for the school building of the St Peter and Paul's Church; I drew the plans for the school house for a two story building, with a basement underneath two thirds of it: I wrote specifications both of mason work and carpenter work; in place of the brick piers, which are now in the basement, I had specified and provided for iron columns, each to be eight feet, two inches long, six inches at the base, four inches at the top, and from the column of the basement to the column of the first story above there were from connections, the plans were taken from the office with the specifications as I have described and submitted to the contractors to be estimated upon, the next time I saw the plans they were changed to a three story building and an addition was put on the rear, and the carpenter work were interlined, altered and changed; this was not done by my order, the iron columns in the basement were omitted from the carpenter's specifications. The piers were not changed from stone to brick by my direction. We were to superintend the carpenter's work to be done according to the altered specification, the foundation ready for the first floor joist was not under our direction or seen by me until the first floor joist was on. The first time I was on the building I called Mr. F. C. Lauer's attention to the brick piers and suggested that the size of the top of the pier to receive the ends of the beams; also to get a stone block the depth of the beam, and also of the space between the beams to receive the iron columns. The piers were out of line from two to four inches. The reason of those suggestions to Mr. Lauer were given through my opinion of the insufficiency to stand the weight they were to support. So far as I acted as superintendent of the mason work, I would state I only gave estimates on the quality of brick laid at the time of the payments on this contract came due, and to give a final estimate of the amount of brick laid. In this final estimate we did not include they were below their first joist. I think that if a stone cap had been put on the piers as I suggested they would have been sufficient to sustain the building without danger.

F.C. Lauer being duly sworn says: I am a builder. I built the brick work of the school house belonging to St Peter's and Paul Church; I had nothing to do with building the brick pier in the basement: I sent in a proposal in writing for the whole building; afterwards I received a notice that they wanted different proposals, i. e in piecemeals; I went over to the Priest's house and saw the mason's specifications were altered.; I then left another proposal for laying the stone work up by the porch, brick by the thousand and

plastering by the yard and cut stone by the lump; the next thing I heard Mr. Hargarter came to my house and said that the Priest wanted to see me; I called on him and we had a conversation, the result of which was, I met him the next day and closed the contract for laying up the outside walls. Messrs. Hargarter and Kruper had the contract for the basement! I laid the piers out and they were changed from a stone pier to a brick pier. I don't recollect who made the suggestion for the change, but I think I made some suggestion to Fr. Sinclair, recommending brick instead of stone, but am not certain---I had no official business in the suggestions, but merely made them as any other person would.-- I think brick piers are stronger than stone laid in rubble work: I understood that Fr. Sinclair had the whole supervision of the building, as he was there a good deal of and gave directions from time to time. The piers were built by the day. I laid out the piers and showed them where to put them, I did not know that they were not plumb and supposed they were all right. It was the suggestion by Mr. Coots and myself to put stone caps on the pier; they were to be large enough to cover the whole tier. Mr. Hargarter opposed that and proposed to cut stone blocks on the tops, which was done. Mr. Hargarter gave me the order for the blocks—I did not order the stone. I don't know with whom the order originated. Those blocks were not in the contract; they were an after consideration. Mr. Hargarter set the stone on the piers. I directed three men about building the piers. M. Hargarter has worked for me twenty years, and I have always found him very precise and careful in his work. He is a good workman. I did not notice the stones before they were set. Mr. Mura? set the iron columns. The architects did not say anything to me about the piers being out of true. I am not positive that I ever saw Mr. Coots at the building before the first joists were laid, but my impression is that he was there once or twice. The piers were all built of solid brick from the bottom, I did not furnish the mortar on brick, I don't remember that I ordered the stone blocks cut. The reason given me for not putting on stone caps was that they would cost too much. I did not examine how the stones were cut. Some stones were sent there and rejected for being insufficient or not good enough for use. (Here the contract of Mr. Lauer was read). There was a specification for mason work. I don't know who has it. The pier were laid up in the usual manner and well done too. I consider that the mortar used on the piers was good. The brick were hard brick, good weather brick.

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F.C. Lauer recalled--- There was a well dug during the erection of this building and a number of blasts set off within five feet of the pier that gave way, and I think they may have affected the foundation of the pier, or the pier itself, though I noticed nothing at the time.

Mathias Hargarter being duly sworn says: --- I am a builder. Mr. Lauer hired men, to build the piers. Some of our men built the foundation to the pier it was a stone foundation. I don't know as Mr. Lauer suggested that stone caps be placed on top of the piers. I set the blocks on the piers. I did not notice any defect on the base of the stone block that set on the pier. I did not assist in the erecting of the pier columns. I set the stone blocks as near as I could between the timbers. The block did not quite fit the space between the timbers. The space was not filled with any thing. I have not seen the stone block since the disaster. The timbers were in before I set the block. When any changes were made I received my directions from Fr. Sinclair. Mr. Lauer ordered me to set the blocks. I understood that there was to be a stone cap on a stone pier. I heard nothing about a stone cap being put to a brick pier.

The opinions of Ald. Wm Carroll, John Green, Wm Summerhays and Dominic Mura practical masons and builders, were taken and all concurred in the view that if the pier had been properly capped that accident would have been avoided

The jury rendered a verdict as follows;

"That Bernard Donner, and his wife Sophia Donner, at 73 Allen Street, Katherine Lawrence, 18 Wilder St., George Popp, ... Grape and Clarks streets, Barbara Rinck, Jay Street, Maggie Weiss 25 Moore St., Katherine Sperl, 23 Orange St., Emma Beers of Oak St. came to their deaths by the falling of the front part of the building or school house of the Sts. Peter and Paul's church .. on East Maple street in this city, and that said accident occurred by the giving away of a brick pier containing the iron pier from columns and floors above, and that said pier was well built and would have been safe if it had been provided with a proper stone cap. The testimony taken also shows culpable neglect on the part of the parties having charge of the erection of the basement. We also find that the stone block on top of the broken pier was defective, and ought not to have been used.

In witness whereof as well the as the jurors aforeheld have their hand and arms the day and your above written

J.N. HARMON, Coroner  
 T.W.Morrison? “ ?  
 A.G. Herr ? Foreman  
 N.A. PICKETT?  
 Isaac Emman ?  
 Antonin Clapp?  
 Parson F. Wagner?  
 L.R Guiles?  
 JONAS? Elliott?  
 W.Summerhays  
 E. Barber?

The following was then adopted by the jury:

Resolved, that we would recommend to the trustees having charge of said school house, to have proper stone cap put on the residue of piers as we think them unsafe.

Be it further resolved that the testimony said verdict be published in each of the daily papers  
 Secretary

The funeral

The funeral of six of the dead took place yesterday morning from the church of S. Peter and Paul, corner of King and Maple streets. On the arrival of the hearses at the church they were arranged in order and the first coffin taken into ... contained the remains of Katie Lawrence, which was carried by girls dressed in white. The next were the bodies of Mr. Donner and wife bourne by six of the St. Francis Society, followed by their four orphan children. The corpse of Mr. Popp was bourne by members of Sts. Peter and Paul ..... following which came the bodies of Miss Emily and Mrs. Sperl.

The solos at the church was one that would bring tears to their eyes of the most indifferent observer.

A solemn high mass was celebrated in which Rev. F.H. Sinclair was Celebrant, assisted by Rev. F. Payne, Deacon, Rev. F. Ho..... sub -Deacon, Rev F. Byrnes, Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Mr. Plane?, Preacher

Rev. J.M. Early gave the absolution. The bodies were the conveyed to their last resting place, the Sts. Peter and Paul and Holy Family cemeteries