

The School House Disaster—Funeral of Six of the Victims—Condition of the Wounded—Coroner's Investigation.

The funeral of six of the victims of the terrible catastrophe took place this forenoon from St. Peter's and Paul's church, corner of King and Maple street. There was an immense crowd of people in attendance and the church was found to be insufficient to hold half of those who had gathered. When the several corteges had arrived in front of the church, the hearses were arranged in order, and the first taken into the edifice was the body of Kate Lawrence, borne by six little girls dressed in white, with crape sashes over their shoulders. Next came the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Danner, borne by six members of St. Francis Xavier Society to which Mr. D. belonged, followed by their four orphan children, who realizing the terrible affliction that had fallen upon them sobbed as though their little hearts would break. Friends accompanied them. The corpse of Mr. Popp, borne by members of St. Peter's and Paul's Society came next, followed by mourning relatives. Next the remains of Mrs. Reinck were borne in and then those of Mrs. Spearl. The sobs and cries of the bereaved as the coffins were deposited in the broad aisle near the altar, and the anguish of men, women and children, many of whom were standing by the side of the dead when they were hurried into eternity in the school house, composed a scene that melted the hearts of the stoutest present. A body of police prevented any disorder.

Ranged about the altar were several of the Catholic clergy of the city, who officiated in the following capacities: Rev. F. H. Sencled, pastor of the church, Celebrant; Rev. F. Payne, Deacon; Rev. F. Hoffschneider, Sub-Deacon; Rev. P. Byrnes, Master of Ceremonies; Rev. Mr. Plaus, Preacher. Several other clergymen were present whose names were not obtained.

Solemn High Mass was said, after which was the sermon. At the conclusion Rev. Father Early gave the solemn absolution.

The bodies were then taken from the church and conveyed to the St. Peter's and St. Paul's and Holy Family Cemeteries. So sad and solemn a scene it has never been our lot to witness before, and we hope we may never witness the like again.

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The architects were Messrs. Warner & Coots, and Mr. Coots' testimony was in substance that he drew all the plans and specifications for St. Peter's and St. Paul's school house. The plans were drawn for a two-story building, with iron columns in the basement. Said plans were taken from the office to be figured on by contractors. The next time he saw said plans and specifications they had been changed to conform to a three-story building, with an addition on the rear, one story high. The iron columns in the basement were omitted, and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder. For the carpenter's work he wrote a contract and obligated the firm to superintend the carrying out of its terms properly on the part of said contractors. He also wrote a contract that Mr. Lauer was to do the brick work above the first floor joists, for a stipulated sum, but according to the agreement the firm were not to superintend the mason work. The first time he was called to the building, which was when the first floor of joist were on, he suggested to Mr. Lauer that the brick piers were not strong enough, and it would be best to put on a stone of the full size of the pier, and to rest the beams on the same also to place a stone block on top of the same of sufficient size to receive the base of the iron column. He did not know till yesterday that this suggestion was not carried out. His opinion was that if these suggestions had been adopted the pier would have held the weight.

A. J. Warner, the partner of Mr. Coots, was sworn, and his testimony was corroborative of the testimony given by Mr. Coots, to the extent of his knowledge of the arrangements made by that gentleman.

Ald. Wm. Carroll, John Green, Wm. Summerhays, practical masons, were sworn, and the substance of their testimony was that if the pier had been capped as suggested by Mr. Coots, the accident would not have occurred.

Dominick Mura, who had the contract for the carpenter work, was also sworn.

The evidence all went to show that the brick pier was not properly built,—that the beams did not rest properly upon it, and that the stone cap upon which the iron column rested was only supported by the two inner courses of brick in the pier.

The investigation will be continued this afternoon.

B. F. TAYLOR'S LECTURE.—The lecture last night, by B. F. Taylor, Esq., was largely attended.

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