

ANOTHER EXIT WILL BE OPENED IN TURNER HALL.

While Building is Unusually Safe
Manager Scheerer is Taking
Every Precaution.

Exit in Northeast Corner That Has Not
Been Used for Years Will be
Opened Again.

While the main floor of Turner Hall was crowded with Woodmen and their families last night it was no uncommon thing to see people taking note of the various means of escape afforded in case a fire should break out. Many remarks were passed on the subject and it was generally agreed that there was little or no danger of serious accident under such circumstances. While it is not probable that a fire will break out there in a hundred years to come yet it might be well enough to consider the exact situation.

The hall is built with three unusually large front exits that should enable the largest audience that the building will contain to get out in a very short time if properly managed. Two of these exits are always accessible but heretofore the one in the north-east corner of the structure has been kept closed and usually a clothes rack and a lot of chairs are piled against it. Under such conditions it would of no use whatever in case of a panic. Manager Scheerer has stated that hereafter this outlet will be kept in shape for instant use. As a matter of fact either this exit or the one on the opposite side of the main entrance, or both, should be used as a means of exit when the hall is crowded. People pouring down from the galleries to the main door more or less shut of the passage for those on the lower floor and a fatal accident could easily occur there in case of a stampede. The people should be taught to naturally turn to the corner exits when on the main floor and the house is crowded. It is Managers Sheerer's intention to call attention to this on the first occasion when a large audience is present. It probably would be impossible to construct a public building safer than Turner Hall.

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