

WOMEN INCENDIARIES.

They Wanted No Saloon and So Burned Up a Building.

An unoccupied frame building at 2801 Jefferson street, formerly used as a saloon and soon to have been reopened for the same purpose, was gutted by fire about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The blaze is laid at the doors of the women of the neighborhood, who have on several occasions shown their antipathy to having a saloon in their midst.

The structure was formerly occupied as a saloon by Fred Rodenhaus. Last winter the women of the neighborhood declared war on the place. One of their number was assaulted by Mrs. Rodenhaus, but this only urged them on. They had the license of the saloon revoked and prosecuted Mrs. Rodenhaus until she was sent to jail for assault. Since then a number of persons have sought license to open a saloon in the building, but until recently the women checkmated them at every step, and the building remained vacant. Recently Pat Fleming, an ex-fireman, applied for license to run a saloon there, and it was whispered around that he would be successful. The women became indignant, and open threats against the place were made.

Shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the building. The department had a long run to reach the scene, and the building was almost entirely destroyed. It was valued at \$1,000 and was insured for \$800. The owner, Thomas O'Donnell, had some furniture in the building, insured, but it was saved.

The people in the neighborhood, and especially the women, viewed the fire with evident satisfaction. One of them said: "Someone thought it was better not to wait for Fleming to open the saloon; better do it now."