

FITZGERALD HOUSE INSURED

**Mrs. Fitzgerald Had Policies
Amounting to \$20,750.**

It has developed that insurance to the amount of \$20,750 was carried on the Mary Fitzgerald home at Twenty-first and B streets which was burned one night several weeks ago. At the time of the fire Colonel Bills, who recently purchased a large share of the Fitzgerald estate, was called by telephone and asked about the matter of ownership and insurance. He stated that the house was owned by him, that he carried not a dollar of insurance upon it as he had intended to pull it down shortly and use the material in it in the construction of other houses, and that the loss would be fully \$5,000. Recently he said that he had been half asleep when he answered the questions put to him, being called out of bed, and that he was not sure just what he had said. He stated that the ownership of the house had been retained by Mrs. Fitzgerald, and that it developed after the fire that \$20,750 insurance, which had been carried on the place continuously since its construction twenty-eight years ago, was in force. At the time the house was insured the amount of the insurance policies was taken to represent three-fourths of the value of the place. Although the house was old, it was of brick, the interior finishings were elegant, and considering the advance in the price of building materials in the past twenty-eight years its value at the time of its destruction was held to be fully what it was originally. It is said that the insurance company is objecting to paying the full amount of the policies, but that a settlement will probably be made within a short time.