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THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS .- The Committee of Select Council appointed to inves-tigate into the management of the Philadelphia

Gas Works met again yesterday atternoon, Colonel Page, Chairman, presiding. Colonel C. Thompson Jones, President of the Board of Trustees of the Gas Works, was present, and examined by the Committee:-

Q. When were you elected President of the Board? A. January, 1865. Q. What number of members constitute the Board? A. Twelve, and they meet twice a monta, exclusive of special meetings. The members of the Board are divided into three Standing Committees:—Finance, Works, and Distribution. Q. How many places are there where gas is manufactured? A, Point Breeze, Market street, Spring Garden, and Manayunk; also large nolders at Frankford, Germantown, Ninth and Mifflin streets, and Ninth and Diamond streets. The main office is in Seventh street, above Chesnut. There is also an office in Frankford Gremantown, and Swanger and an office in Frankford, Germantown, and Spring

Q. How many persons are employed at the different stations? A. From 800 to 1000, I think; but I will give the list at the next meeting; the principal officers are elected by the Trustees; the laborers are appointed by the Engineer, on the recommendation of Trustees, or a member of Councils; the Engineer is req ired to report at every meeting of the Board the number of men employed, the number dis-charged, and the cause for the discharge; the Engineer has no authority to employ without a recommendation of the Trustees, except to ille a vacancy in case of emergency. If the Chair-man on Works should direct him to employ extra men to onload cars, the Trust would sanction it. If the Chief Engineer says it is requisite to have men, they are obtained, and he only reports to the Board; he is responsible for the number employed,

Q. Can you tell the amount of coal furnished the works since you have been President? A. I will make the statement at the next meeting. The Engineer has generally sent to the different parties furnishing coal, requesting bids, when coal was needed. He has been directed to go to parties when no bids were sent in. He, the witness, could not say whether any competition was asked for by advertisement. He thought an advertisement was inserted in the papers in Pittsburg. The Westmoreland and Pennsylvania Coal Company had a contract for three years, and they were alling it when he (Mr. Jones) became a member of the Board, two years ago. Subsequently a contract was given to William B. Hays, which has since been transferred to the Shatton Coal Company. Afterwards a contract was made with the Cameron Coal Company, of New York, and a company of New York, called Westmoreland and New York Coal Company. The Westmoreland county coal has always been con-sidered the best in the State; the Pennsylvania and Shaiton comes from the same vein. contracts are in wriging. A vote of the whole Board makes the contract. Proposals are handed in and read openly at the Board. Wit-ness could not tell the number of men required at the Point Breeze Works, but could furnish them at the next meeting of Committee.

Mr. William K. Park is the Assistant Engineer:

John Beckindorf has charge of the Market Street Works; A. Meyers at Spring Garden; and John Baker at Manayunk, and all are under the control of the Chief Engineer. Witness could not tell whether there had been any surplus of hands at the Point Breeze Works. At one time it appeared there were more yard hands than was necessary; but on calling the attention of the Assistant Engineer to the fact, they were discharged; this, to the witness' knowledge, did not occur at any of the other works; could not tell how many had been discharged. The Engineer was directed, soon after Mr. Park went to the works—a little over a year ago-to curtail the expenses as much as pos sible. He did not know of hands being-kept on the pay-roll when there was nothing for them to do; when the retorts are taken down, the hands leave until they are put up again; iron and clay retorts are used; at Point necessary assess

Breeze they are all iron. The Trustees were led to believe that clay having a building put up for clay retorts; are now putting three clay retorts to a bench and five iron ones. Stil-man & Ellis supplied retorts when witness became President, present Fulton & Co., Morris, Tasker & Co., and Mr. Oram are furnishing them. The clay retorts were purchased in New York; could not tell the amount expended for retorts without referring to books; requests were sent to all the large foundries asking them to send bids. the contracts were made by the Board, and they are all in writing. The contractors at present are Morris, Tasker & Morris and Mr. Oram. Stiteman & Elits had the contract when witness became President; they made a bad retort at the time, which was a loss to them; knew nothing about the stop-cock boxes; Mr. Cresswell has jurnished most of the cast ngs for the tops of them; the Trust is supplied with meters from all the meter works in the city; a resolu-tion was passed by the Board directing that each establishment should have their proportion; there had been complaints that some manufacturers got more than others, and hence the resolution; the prices are uniform; the fre-brick are purchased by the Calet Engineer; no pro als are opened for them; a number of parties have been furnishing them; the bills for the brick are examined every month; all bills are referred to the appropriate committees, in-dorsed first by the Chief Engineer, and then by a majority of the Committee; they are then passed by the Board, and after they are paid they are examined by the President of the Beard; the sub-committees are supposed to examine the bills after being indorsed by the Chief; bills have been laid over and returned

for correction.

ployes of the Works being interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract for coal or other supplies to the Works? A. I know of none. Q. Do you know whether any of the present or former members of the Board of Trustees are interested in any coal company that turnishes the Works with cost? A. I have heard that some of the former Trustees were interested in the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and I have heard of a Trustee, now in the Board, having stock in the Shatton Coal Company, 40,000 tons of coal were purchased from the Cameron Coal Company, One of the officers of the company from New York negotiated the contract for the coal; he (the agent) offered to furnish it for less than coal could be obtained from the Pennsylvania or Westmoreland, and that was the reason he got the contract. The agent introduced himself to the Board. The price paid for it was about \$9 or \$9.50 per ton; there was no agent in this city representing the Came-ron Coal Company; when they commenced to deliver the coal they employed Robert S. Garrison, of this city, as an arent. The coal has been reported as good by the employes of the Trust. Nathan Hilles, a member of the Board, and in the coal business, says it is good, though it looks bad; the Engineer has been docking the company ten per cent, when the coal is delivered wet; it is generally mixed with harder coal when gas is made. The Chief Engineer or assistants could give all the information necessary in reference in

Q. Do you know of any Trustee, agent, or em-

sary in reference to it. Q. Do you know whether any of the Trustees have occupied or appropriated any property belonging to the trust for their own use? do not, with but one exception; a step-ladder was sent to my house, without my knowledge, and I directed the Engineer to have it taken away. Q. Do you know whether any of the Trustees have been paid for services rendered as Trustees? A. I know of no case, except the con-Trustees: A. I know of no case, except the one reported upon by the Committee on Law of Councils. Q. Do you know of any member of Councils who is interested in any sale or contract Councils who is interested in any sale or contract for supplies, or receiving money from the Trust?

A. I have known members of Councils to furnish the Trust with materials and supplies. I refused at one time to sign a bill held by Mr. Cresswell, a member of Council, but when the Court decided that the Gas Trust was not a Department of the city, the bill was paid. Q. What material is now furnished by members of Councils? A. Castings and leather bands. Q. Do you consider the Chief Englueer.

CITY INTELLIGENCE | competent for the position? A. I feel a delicacy in answering the question, as he was not my choice at the time he was elected; I believe him to be honest. Q. Do the Board have entertainments at their meetings? A. At every meeting they have something to eat and to drink, and a cigar, a custom that has been long in vegue; Mr. Prosser supplies the edibles; could not tell how much the feeds or cigars cost annually; have no knowledge of any caucus of the mem-bers of the Board being held at Point Breeze on Sunday; he thought the Works were economically managed; a number of bands that were considered useless have been discharged; don't

know of any abuses at the present time; there were some, but they have been rectined.

The responsibility should rest upon the Chief Engineer; he is con pelled to employ incompetent men, if they are recommended by the Trustees. Each one of the Trustees has one-twelfth of the appointments, and if the Trustees were to send an incompetent man, the Chief Engineer would have to employ him, and it rests with the Assistant Engineer to find out whether the man was competent; there are men at the Works that have been there for years, and none have been discharged without cause. When the political change took place in the Board, a large number of men were removed. He did not think it necessary for the Chief Engineer to be a scientific man; the manufacture of gas was under the charge of experienced foremen; the present Chief spends a great deal of time at the Works, and tries to save where he can.

Mr. Gray, one of the Committee, asked Mr. Jones if he believed that the Chief Engineer was a competent man, and qualified for the position. Mr. Jones did not feel at liberty to answer the

question. The examination was then continued.—The Chief Engineer reports to the Committee when new works are required. O. How can the Chief recommend new works

without having a knowledge of the manufacture A. The Chief Engineer does know something about the business; it cost more to manufacture gas at Point Breeze than at Market street, because wages are higher at the former; he be-

lieved that the Trustees were doing everything in their power to manage the Works properly, and for the beneat of the city.

Mr. Gray stated that he had understood that four members of the Trust were candidates for Row offices, and he desired to know whether they could not use the Trust for their benefit

Mr. Jones replied that he had heard one of them say that he would withdraw as a candidate if the others would do so; if a politician wants a good office, he will work for it; the only way to change the matter is by electing men who do not seek office.

A communication was received from the Board of Trustees, stating that the books of the Trust will be at the disposal of the Committee at any time when not needed for the transaction of

CONVENTION OF FIREMEN.-In pursuance a call of the Mechanic Steam Fir : Engine Company, a convention of firemen assembled at the hall of their engine house last evening. The object of the meeting was to make arrangements to receive the Pennsylvania Hose Company upon their return home from Buffalo, New York, whither they propose making an excursion. Mr. George Hensler, of the Mechanic, called the meeting to order, announced the object, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a President. Mr. J. N. Calely, of the Independence Hose, was elected temporary chairman, and Charles S. Austin, of the

Northern Liberty Hose, secretary.

The temporary officers were elected permanently. It was stated that the Pennsylvania would leave next Friday, and was expected to arrive home on Saturday week, reaching Walnut street wharf at 6 P. M. The following Committee of Arrangements was appointed:—George Heaster, Mechanic Engine; Mr. Thomas, Phila-delphia Engine; Mr. McDevatt, Philadelphia En-gine; B. K. Affick, Empire Hook and Ladder; Mr. Shannon, South Penn Hose; Mr. Devitt, Moya-

Mr. E. A. Pue was elected Treasurer, and the necessary assessment was paid in to defray the expenses of the Convention. Adjourned to Wednesday next.

RECEPTION OF THE STATE FLAGS .- With a view of settling certain questions, the Sub-Committee of Arrangements for the reception of the State colors on the 4th of July next, at a meeting held on Tuesday, the 29th instant, adopted the following resolution:-

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee it would be injudicious, as involving an unnecessary amount of labor and expense, to have such colors as may have been deposited in this city conveyed to Harrisburg, and that the Sub-Committee on Fraus-portation be directed to communicate with the Ad-jutant-General, and request him to issue an order directing such colors to be turned over to this committee and also requesting him to direct this Committee, and also requesting him to direct the rep. esculatives of regiments from the eastern portion of the State to rendezvous at this point, and receive their colors at the City Armory on the morn ing of the 4th of July.

A meeting of the members of the 119th Pennsylvania Regiment was held last evening at the county court-house, for the purpose of making necessary arrangements to take part in the festivities of the Fourth of July. Colone. Gideon Clark was in the chair, and a committee of one from each company was appointed to gather the necessary information as to the number who will parade, and make other arrangements. They will report at an adjourned meeting to be held hereatter.

RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE,-The Annual Conference of the Messianian Evangelical Second Advent persuasion of Pennsylvania assembled on Tuesday, in Washington Hall, at Eighth and Spring Garden streets. The opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Osler, of Provi-dence, Rhode Island. Last evening the Conference sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Swartz, of Mas-achusetts. The questions to be discussed during the convention are relative to the coming of Christ, whether it is to be a spiritual or literal personal event; is there any probation for sluners after judgment; is the nillennium to be on the new earth or the old earth. These questions are considered by the Conference as very important. The result will be looked forward to with great interest by all who desire to occupy a few acres of new soil.

BOLD ROBBERY .- A few days since the house of Mr. F. M. Adams, No. 150 North Twen-tieth street, was robbed of a gold watch, a lot of jewelry, and a handsome revolver. Mr. Adams was having the rear portion of his house painted, and the thief rang the front door bell, and in quired of the servant if the painters were a work. On receiving an affirmative answer, he stated that he desired to see them about the work. The servant directed him to go up stairs, and after passing through a sleeping apartment he would find them. The thief went up and talked with the painters, and after leaving them he picked up the watch and other articles, and made his way in a very leisurely manner from the front door. The thief has not yet been arrested.

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