

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department was held on Monday evening, at the hall of the Phoenix Hose Company, in Filbert street, above Seventh, Mr. Stone, of the Delaware Fire Company, President, in the chair.

Mr. Wray moved that the Board request Councils to pass an ordinance giving steam fire engines the right-of-way, and requiring hose carriages to turn out for them. Agreed to. The President announced the following Acting Committee, to serve for the ensuing three months: Thomas B. Hahn, of Neptune House; James H. Miller, Assistance-Engine; Edward Tolbert, of Decatur Engine; John M. Chazen, West Philadelphia Engine; James A. Phillips, Robert Morris Hose; and John T. Mooney, Columbia Engine Company; Orlando Snyder, Congress Engine.

Mr. McDevitt, of the Philadelphia Engine Company, moved that a committee be appointed to draft an address to Councils, suggesting some plan for the reorganization of the Fire Department.

Mr. McDevitt, in making the motion, said that it was right and proper that some suggestion should be made by this Board, which represents the entire department. He was in favor of a commission, but he desired that experienced men should be placed upon it.

Mr. Coos, of the Hibernia Engine Company, was opposed to the motion, because he considered the Board of Directors the head and front of the Fire Department, and Councils as a secondary body. There could be no permanent commission from this Board, and if changes are to be made by Councils the Board should be consulted.

Mr. Wray stated that he had voted in Councils for the ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department, because he believed it would prevent the establishment of a paid department.

Mr. Carrow thought all the power of the Board had been given to Councils, and he could not see that any good would result in the appointment of a committee.

Mr. Wray said he believed that Councils were willing to grant almost anything for the good of the department, and he companies could unite upon.

A delegate moved to amend that the committee report the address and plan agreed upon to this Board before sending it to Councils. The amendment was accepted, and the resolution was agreed to.

The President appointed the following committee:—First Fire District, Edward C. Richardson; Second District, William McDevitt; Third District, W. C. Whynny; Fourth District, Thomas E. Van Dozen; Fifth District, Edward Tolbert; Sixth District, Thomas A. McDevitt; Seventh District, Thomas T. Seal.

A motion was adopted requesting the chairman of the committee to wait upon Councils and ask them to stay the action on the Fire bill until the committee can report. Adjourned.

THE PHILADELPHIA BIBLE SOCIETY.—This institution is an auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society. It covers the ground which that institution, in detail, cannot do. It has existed for eighty-two years, and on Sunday night, with impressive ceremonies, solemnized its anniversary at the Church of the Epiphany, corner of Fifteenth and Chestnut streets.

The Managers' annual report was read, from which it appeared that the Society had 29,000 inhabitants, not more than 29,000 have ever aided the work of the Society, and the whole receipts for the year would be insufficient to keep many of our families, and yet this Society is the agency in this city for collecting means for translating and circulating the Bible in languages of heathen nations, and in making written languages for such as have none.

The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Newton, rector of the church. The text was from Paul's, civil, 20. "He sent His word, and healed them." Those who would give the scriptures to the poor can do so by subscribing to the fund of the Philadelphia Bible Society. No one ever fails to find for a copy of the Bible or New Testament.

STEALING.—Before Alderman Buller, on Monday, George Jones had a hearing on the charge of stealing a coat at the Continental Hotel, the property of Thomas Browne. Defendant admitted the theft, and was held to answer. A possession of the garment was obtained on forged order. Jones was also charged with an attempt to swindle Mrs. L. E. Cambos, at her residence, No. 722 Parrish street. He called at the house, representing that he belonged to one of the express companies, and had a package for Mr. Cambos, and asked for the amount of freight on the same. Suspecting that something was wrong, Jones was directed to take the package to the place of business of Mr. Cambos, which he did. Mr. Cambos said he had befriended Jones on several occasions. He was held to answer this charge also.

FATAL RESULT FROM IMPATIENCE.—A sad accident occurred at Bristol on Saturday evening. The train from Trenton stopped as usual to let passengers at Bristol, and was delayed for a few minutes. One of the passengers for this city, becoming impatient at the delay, pulled the conductor's rope, and the train started. At this moment a woman and her three children were getting off the cars, when, by the sudden motion, all were thrown down, and one of the children, a girl of six years, was caught between the platform and the cars and so terribly injured that her recovery was not expected. When the accident happened the conductor was on the platform attending to his duties.

CHEATING IN BUTTER.—The Clerks of Markets, during the past week, only came in possession of thirty-four lumps of butter, light weight, as a reward for their scrutiny in the butter tubs of dealers in such articles. All manner of dodges are resorted to by certain butter merchants to induce our citizens, and through some of them have been caught several times, the closest watch has to be kept upon them to prevent a constant repetition of selling lumps weighing less than a pound.

COMPANIES PUT OUT OF SERVICE.—Chief Engineer Lytle, on Monday, put out of service the Franklin Engine and Niagara Hose Companies, for alleged rioting on Saturday night on Third and Pine streets. There has not yet been any investigation of the affair, but the Chief intends to give the matter his earliest attention.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Mr. Ernest Becker was knocked down on Monday by a train of cars on the Reading Railroad, near Fairmount, and injured so badly that he died before he could be removed to his home, at No. 2911 Girard avenue. The coroner will hold an inquest to-day.

DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.—James Dillon, who was admitted into the Pennsylvania Hospital on the 21st instant, with a broken back, caused by a fall of goods falling upon him at Washington street wharf, died at that institution last Monday evening.

Regulation of Speed on Railway Inclines.—The London Mechanics' Magazine notices some important experiments lately made on the Northern Railway of Spain, with a view to employing the return steam to obtain a uniform rate of speed, and to obviate the necessity of two, is connected with the two branches of the exhaust pipe, in close proximity to the cylinders and the exhaust ports. When the train is descending the incline, and the maximum velocity desired is attained, the driver opens the cock connected with the pipe, pulls over the lever into back gear, and opens the regulator. The exhaust pipes act as a reservoir containing a quantity of expanded steam which excludes the air; a portion of this steam escapes into the chimney, and then the air is absorbed into the cylinders, and driven back into the boiler.

The increase of temperature thus occasioned in the cylinders is counteracted by injecting some moist steam in it, and also more effectively

by passing into the steam pipe a small jet of water, which the driver can increase or diminish at pleasure by means of a cock. The experiments conducted upon that portion of the line between Avila and Madrid have furnished very satisfactory results both regarding the speed of the train and the amount of its load. During two journeys made in March last, the driver, by varying the notch in which the lever was put in back gear, and by regulating the injection of the steam and water at the bottom of the exhaust pipe, was enabled to maintain a regular and uniform speed in the descent, and stop at the stations when necessary without requiring to pull on a single brake, and without heating any part of the machinery.

**MEDICAL.**  
**POND'S EXTRACT OF HAMAMELIS,**  
Or Pain Destroyer,  
Is one of the few domestic remedies which have come into general use and favor, without pausing. It is the specific in hemorrhoids, hemorrhages in all cases, and as a domestic remedy, unequalled.

**AMUSEMENTS.**  
**OFFICE OF THE GRAND PRESENTATION FESTIVAL,**  
No. 630 CHESTNUT STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
It will be seen by the following telegraphic despatch that Tickets for the Grand Charitable Fair and Presentation Festival may be obtained for a few days longer.

**SECURE YOUR TICKETS,**  
As the books will positively be closed by January 1.  
New York, December 22, 1866.  
To the OFFICE OF THE GRAND PRESENTATION FESTIVAL, No. 630 CHESTNUT STREET Philadelphia.—

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**  
GRAND COMBINATION.  
Father Kemp's choir, composed of 64 Folks in the beautiful ARABIAN NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS, ARABIAN NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS, "LOVE'S ON A WANTED GROUND," "CROWDED HOUSES—CROWDED HOUSES," "GREET THE QUEEN OF SONG," "EMMA J. SICHOLS," See the abode of the Fair and Throne of dazzling splendor. GROTTO IN THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS, Behold the beautiful Palaces, Gardens, and Dells, in a dream of a story.

**WALNUT STREET THEATRE.**  
N. E. corner of NINTH and WALNUT STREETS.  
Commence at 7 1/2.  
THIS EVENING, December 26, MR. J. S. CLARKE To conclude with the new and original LEGENDARY SPECIALLY OF THE NAUTY QUEEN, OR, JACQUELINE, with magnificent scenery. THE HOME OF THE SAIDS. In the coral caves beneath the Waters. THE QUEEN ON HER THRONE.

**NEW AMERICAN THEATRE.**  
NEW GRAND TRICK PATENT, OR HALEY'S JACK AND GILL, EVERY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT, DURING THIS WEEK, WITH OTHER NOVELTIES.

**NEW ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE.**  
ELEVENTH STREET ABOVE CHESTNUT, "THE FAMILY RESORT," "OPEN FOR THE SEASON," "CARNIVAL OF THE SHEPHERDS," THE GREAT STAR TROUPE OF THE WORLD IN THEIR GRAND "LITTLE NIPPON," SONGS, DANCES, NEW BURLESQUES, AND PASTORALS, NOVELS. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Commencing at 8 o'clock. 8 1/2.

**GERMANIA ORCHESTRA.—PUBLIC RECEPTIONS** every SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, at the GRAND OPERA HOUSE, under the management of GEORGE BASTERT, Agent, No. 121 MONTELEONE street, between Race and Vine. 11 to 3.

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