THE PAID FIRE BILL

Approved at Last.

Mayor Fox Makes a Grand New Year's Gift to Philadelphia-The Days of the Five Sharps Ended-Tae Mayor Signsthe Bill Creating a Paid Fire Department -A Single Objection to the Measure.

The suspense in which the citizens of Philadelphia have been held for the past two weeks, with reference to the great reform measure which had passed both branches of Councils by immense majorities, abolishing the volunteer department, which has been in existence since the earls days of Philadelphia, and creating in its stead a paid organization, is at an end.

Notwithstanding the great pressure which has been brought to bear upon Mayor Fox to induce him to return the bill without his signature, he appended his name to it at about half-past 12 lock to-day, in the presence of several Councilmen, among whom were Mr. George A. Smith, chairman of the Special Committee on Fire Department of the Select Council; Mr. Wm. B. Hanna, chairman of the general Committee on Fire Department of Councils, and Mr. Henry Marcus, of the Fourth ward, and the representa-

tives of the evening newspapers.

He had been closeted with his Chief for some time prior to the event, and finally the door of his private chamber was opened and the above gentlemen admitted. The party had hardly en-tered when the Mayor ejaculated, "I have signed the Fire Bill, and there is the message which I intend shall accompany it this after-

noon to Councils." The gentlemen present then congratulated him, when Mr. Hanna discovered that the official signature had not yet been appended to the original document. The Mayor immediately picked up a pen and wrote his name to the last page of the ordinance.

He had hardly laid down the pen, when Mr.

Hanna picked it up, stating that it was a trophy which he appreciated highly, and of which he would keep possession all his life. Several other gentlemen interested in the measure called and congratulated his Honor unon have ing conferred such a great benefit upon the

The Message. The message of the Mayor, which was read in Councils shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, is as follows:-

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, December 29, A. D. 1870.)
To the Select and Common Councils of the City of

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:—

I have this day approved an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Create and Organize a Paid Fire Department for the City of Philadelphia, and to make an Appropriation Therefor."

The establishment of a Paid Fire Department has become a necessity, and I concur with you in the opinion expressed by your enactment of this ordinance, that the people of this city desire that the department should, like all other departments of the city, be exclusively under municipal regulation

the city, be exclusively under municipal regulation and control; but there is in this ordinance, though I have approved it, an objectional clause to the reformation of which I invite your attention, although I would not permit my objection to a lesser evil to induce me to countenance a greater, such as the existence of a Volunteer Fire Department had

The ordinance provides that there shall be elected by the Select Council three Fire Commissioners, and by the Common Council four, and it contains the following expression, to wit:—"The minority in each chamber shall at all times be represented by one member in said Board of Fire Commissioners." This clause, though plain to yourselves, is not free from doubt in its legal interpretation, and might be very embarrassing in its execution. I assume that the minority mentioned in the ordinance refers to the political minerity, although it is not so exed. It is true that at this time the members of pressed. It is true that at this time the members of councils are divided into two political parties only, but there may come a time when there will be three political parties in one or both chambers of Councils, and it would then be difficult to enforce the terms of your ordinance or perhaps to administer them at all.

Whenever the right of political minorities to be represented has been recognized by the Legislature, it has been by allowing the votes to be cast for less than the whole number to be elected, thus securing to the minority their representation. The only exception to this that I recollect is to be found in the law of 1869 relating to the general elections in this city, where the majority of the Board of Aldermen are authorized to make choice for the minority; and the unfairness of this seems to be admitted.
Your ordinance provides that all the Commis-

sioners (as well those representing the minority as the others) shall be chosen by the majority, all of them to be highest in votes—each member of Counclis being allowed to vote for the full number—and it is very questionable whether, in the legal construction of this clause, the minority can be represented by any one not of its own choice. All legislation should be plain, and should be free from ambiguity: it is far better that you should say political minority, if, as I have assumed, you intended it such to be; and it would certainly be better that this minority should such the same than the same transfer of such changes as will bring about this result I car-

nestly invite your attention.

The disbandment of the volunteer system—for many years our pride, but for the last few years not so much so—is a measure so important as to have attracted the attention of many of our citizens for a considerable time past. The organization of its successor should be such as would command the most general confidence, and would leave the least room for cavil or reproach. The new system is attended with heavy expense, but any expenditure of the public money will. I am sure, be cheerfully borne when found to be necessary to prevent the destruction of property and the demoralization of youth, which were the necessary attendants of an insufficiently-governed Fire Department.

Commending to you this subject as one deserving your best consideration, and trusting that you will endeavor to make the new department satisfactory to all our citizens by its fairness as well as its efficiency, I shall unite with you in all proper measures of further legislation that you may deem necessary.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL M. FOX, Mayor of Philadelphia.

FIRE-NARROW ESCAPE.-About a quarter before six o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the furnishing store of Mr. A. Hoffman, No. 734 North Second street. It originated accidentally from a stove on the premises. The flames had gained considerable headway before discovered by the police. Several fire compa-nies in the immediate neighborhood were notified, and the flames were speedily extinguished. The loss, which is principally by water, is about \$800. There is but one way of access to the upper floors, and that leads from the store. Mrs. Hoffman and her three children were asleep in the second story at the time the alarm was given, and their escape was cut off by the flames, which were burning close to the stair The police, with the aid of a ladder. rescued them from a second-story window. Mr. Hoffman is in New York city, buying goods. The building in which the fire occurred is owned by Mr. Joseph Reiskey.

A Swindler.—On Saturday last a man genteelly dressed entered the blank book store of Mr. J. B. Charlton, No. 35 South Fourth street, and representing himself as Front street merchant, ordered books to the value of \$50, to be sent to his store, on Front street, above Mar-ket. An errand boy in the place was directed to carry the property around to the merchant's store. On Market street the little fellow met the supposed merchant, who upbraided him for loitering, and, taking the books from him. gave a check for \$50 on the Corn Exchange Bank. Mr. Chariton deposited the cheek, but this morning he was astonished to receive it back protested. The purchaser was nothing more than a swindler, and he had no store on Front street, as represented. He gave the name of John F. Pohl.

ACCIDENTS.—Quite a number of persons fell this morning and fractured their limbs in consequence of the slippery condition of the side-

SERENADE TO SENATOR DECHERT.—A procession formed of citizens of the First Senatorial district will leave Second and Christian streets this evening for the Club House, Walnut street, above Tenth, where Colonel Robert P. Dechert, State Senator, is to be serens ded. The parade will move over the following route:—Down Second to Moore street, thence to Fourth, thence to Christian thence to Fifth, thence to Bainto Christian, thence to Fifth, thence to Bainbridge street, thence to Twentieth street, thence to Spruce street, thence to Eleventh street, thence to Walnut street, and down Walnut to the club house. General William McCandless will be the chief marshal of the procession.

THE ICE CROP.—The ice dealers are jubilant. For almost a week back they have been laying in their stock of ice for next summer. The crop is a good one, and from present appearances there is every reason to believe that the supply will exceed that of former years. This morning the Delaware was frozen over above Poplar street.

QUIET.-The city was remarkably quiet last night, if we are to judge from the reports of the Lieutenants of Police submitted to the Mayor this morning. There were only one or two arrests for drunkenness reported, and to the calendar of crime were added a few cases of petty larceny.

THE FRENCH BAZAAR, at 1117 Chesnut street. will close this evening with a grand instrumental and vocal concert, to which the admission will be 25 cents. We hope that a large audience will be in attendance, as a fine entertainment may be expected, and a most worthy cause be

STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND.—Last night the police of the Fifth district found two bags of peanuts on the sidewalk in St. Mary street. The property is supposed to have been stolen. It is at the Fifth District Station House awaiting an owner.

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AFFAIRS AT THE CAPITAL LATER

The New Tariff Act. The Outrages to English Vessels. Gov. Molden's Predicament.

The President Declines Interfering

Judge Chase's Coming Retirement

FROM WASHINGTON.

The New Tariff Act. Special Despatch to the Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Secretary of the Treasury this morning signed the instructions which have been in preparation for the last month, to be transmitted to the various collectors of customs concerning the new tariff act which goes into effect the 1st of January. It is ascertained that the reduction in the tariff made by the new law will amount to about forty millions annually. With so large a falling off the Secretary is of the opinion that there should be no further tinkering with the tariff for the pre-

Reduction of the Public Debt this month will be about the same as last. The amount of interest paid on the 1st of

January Coupons will reach 32,0000,000. The coin and currency balance continues large, and the Secretary is urged by leading financial men to increase the monthly sales of gold and purchase bonds. The Secretary, however, is not disposed to depart from the policy he has hitherto pursued.

Governor Holden's Case. Friends of Governor Holden have arrived here from North Carolina to see if anything be done to release him from the unpleasant position he new occupies. The President has been consulted about the matter, but he does not see where he can interfere or how Congress can do anything.

Who Will Succeed Chief Justice Chase? The fact having become known that Chief Justice Chase is likely to retire from the bench this winter, a large number of candidates from the West and New England are being brought forward. The President will have no difficulty in selecting a good man from the list of candidates, they are so numerous and many of them able lawyers.

The President authorizes a denial of the statement that he has attempted to defeat the election of General Logan for the United States Senate, or that he has expressed a preference for any Senatorial candidate in any of the States where elections will be held next

FROM THE DOMINION.

Determined Suicide. HALIFAX, Dec. 29 .- Franz Wobeen, steward of the Halifax Club, stabbed himself in four places, and, after bleeding almost to death, threw himself from a third-story window of the club house and died in a few minutes. There is an alarming

Prevalence of Crime here, the offenders being principally juveniles. The Custom House at Port Hawkesbury has been burned.

Hamilton. Ontario, Dec. 29.—The entire length of the Canada Air-Line Railroad is under contract, and will be pressed forward as fast as Ship News.

NORFOLE, VA., Dec. 29.—The schooner Mary and Eliza, from Baitimore for Boston, loaded with coal and plg iron, is ashore and full of water on Sharp's Island, Chesapeake Bay.

A FEMALE INCENDIARY.

Arrested for the Act—She Attempts Suicide in her Cell—A Letter Asserting her Innecence. Quite a sensation, says last evening's New York Commercial Advertiser, was caused this morning at the Central Police Office, by the fact that Minnle Davis, who was locked up on a charge of arson, had attempted to hang herself This woman was arrested on Sunday night, charged with setting a fire in her room, No. 54 West Twenty-ninth street. It appears toat a few days before she had her furniture, etc., insured for \$3000. She had been locked up in the cells at the Central Office until last night, when she begged the officers to let her have another room They allowed her to go into the doorkeeper' room, which is also one of the cells, but some what better furnished than the others. She thanked them for their kindness and was

About eight o'clock this morning Detective Doran had occasion to visit the cells. On attempting to open the door of the room where Miss Davis was confined, he found some heavy weight against it. He immediately pushed open the door, and entering, found Miss Davis hang-ing with a towel tied round her neck, and attached to the door knob. She had to lift her feet from the floor in order to swing free. tective Doran cut her down, and sent for the doctor, who, on arriving, said that she could not have been long hanging. Shortly after the arrival of the ductor she was able to speak. This is the fifth would-be suicide that Doran has cut down since he has been attached to the police force in this city. Three letters were found in Miss Davis' room, which she had written during her imprisonment. One was to the Fire Marshal, and the others to her lover and friend. In the note to her lover she makes him a present of half a dozen gold bosom studs. She is a rather prepossessing looking young lady, and dresses very neatly. She pretends to be bowed down with grief. The tollowing is a verbatim copy of the letter which she left for the Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal:-

December 27, 1870-To the Honorable Fire Marshal. —All I have to say is this, I am not guilty of setting fire to my things at No. 54 West Thirty-ninth street fire to my things at No. 54 West Thirty-ninth street, and would not have done such a thing for the world. Mrs. Hagadorn told me the day before the fire that if she had her things insured for \$3000 that she would burn them up to get the insurance money, and I said that I would not be mean enough to do such a thing. If the wind did not blow the curtain in the candle, then somebody else must have set them on fire, for I am sure when I went to bed, there was no fire in the room. Will you and everybody else interested in this affair be so kind as to forgive me all that I have said or done that was wrong or false? Please send for Mr. (here she put the name of her lover, which we omit) and give him the letter that lover, which we omit) and give him the letter that I have left for him, and if he feels disposed to let you see it, all right, that explains everything. Will you see it, all right, that explains everything. Will you be so kind as to let him have my things and pictures? He has always been good and kind to me, and I want him to have my things, for I love him better than I love my life, please to give him my body, and assist him if he requires it of you. Please send for my things that are in the cell over to Jefferson Market and let him have everything. I am sorry for all that I have ever said or done, and if you will not forgive me I am sure that God will.

Mrs. — will see the day that she will be sorry for

Mrs. — will see the day that she will be sorry for the injustice she has done me. She has caused me to be locked up, and has caused me to suffer severely, and she would cause me to suffer more if she could. she could.

I must close by saying that I will not be much longer in this world to suffer, and I ask all to forgive me; and beg you never to have my remains buried in the Potter's Field. I am a thousand times obliged to you, gentlemen, for being so kind to me this evening, and for giving me such a comfortable room. I find it much better than the cold cells. Good-by to all,

Prussia Makes Ample Applogies.

Internal Revenue Statistics.

Railroading in the West.

Serious Trouble in Kansas.

Settlers on Indian Reservations.

FROM EUROPE.

Prumta Apologizes for the Outrages Upon Eng-

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- Earl Granville has received a despatch from the Prussian Government apologizing for the outrage on English vessels in the Seine, and stating that pecuniary indemnity would be given if demanded, and announcing that the military commander guilty of the outrage has been court-martialled and dismissed the service.

A Battle impending at Havre.

LONDON, Dec. 29,-The Prussians on Wednesday occupied the line between Duclair and Saintpear, and were apparently concentrating their forces behind the town of Bolbec, where an engagement with the French defenders of Havre is imminent.

Fort Avron Sllenced. VERSAILLES, Dec. 28 .- Mont Avron is silent to-day, but the forts in the neighborhood reply to the fire of the German guns. The Prussians on Monday advanced to and occupied Bapaume, fourteen miles south-southeast from Arras.

FROM THE WEST.

Important Railway Report.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—General Morris and Wm. T. Beaz, receivers of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Beaz, receivers of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Lafayette Railroad, submitted their first report to the court last evening in Indianapolis.—For a period of thirty-five days the receipts of the main branch were \$173,061-34; expenditures, \$78,005-83—gain, \$95,054-51. The Whitewater Valley branch gained \$1299-15; the Harrison branch gained \$2621-32; the Martinsville branch lost \$1629-34; and the Hagerstown branch lost \$9716. The various expenses in the shape of salaries of executive officers and foreign agents are not included.

The gross earnings have been beyond the average of the whole year. Of the branch roads, the Whitewater Valley branch has proportionate rental liability, not included in the above, for the period, of \$13,611, showing a net loss of \$12,311-85; the Martinsville branch \$5250, showing a net loss for that branch of \$6879-34; the Harrison branch, after the rental is deducted, will leave a gain of \$28,205; the Hagers-

deducted, will leave a gain of \$28,205; the Hageus-town branch will show a loss of \$1787-32. The re-ceivers state that it is their conviction, based on actual experiment and observation, that no one branch can be operated under existing contracts without serious loss.

without serious loss.

The report asks for authority to pay the rent of ground in Cincinnati; also, judgments against the company for stock killed, etc., the latter amounting \$3000. They further represent that portions of the floating debt of the company are secured by a pledge of stocks, bonds, and other property of the company, and other portions are secured by mortgage on its real estate; and that in some cases the debt thus secured by piedge and mortgage, especially some secured by piedge of bonds and stocks, are past due, and that the creditors holding the same threaten to sell the pledge for satisfaction of the debts.

They say that the certain result of permitting such

sales will be a partial sacrifice of the securities pledged and serious loss to the trust. The aggregate amount of iudebtedness secured as aforesaid by pledge and mortgage is about \$200,000. They ask authority to borrow on their notes and bonds as receivers \$200,000 for liquidation of this indebtedness the loans to be charged on the net earnings as a preferred claim. They conclude by saying that on or before the 25th of January they will file an inventory of property of the road and a schedule of its indebtedness, which they have not yet had time to prepare, especially as a good part of the debts is not on the company's books, but consists of unliquidated de-mands not yet reported to the company, or entered

on its record. The Miami Indian Reservations. St. Louis, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Fort Scott, Kansas, says that Colonel Merrill has received orders from the War Department yesterday, in-structing him to remove all the settlers from the Miami Indian reservations in this State at once There are from 3000 to 4000 settlers upon these lands. Lacygena, a thriving town of twelve hundred inhabitants, is also on the same land, and must share the same fate.

The reservation embraces 70,000 acres of the finest lands in Kansas. Much of it is well improved, with good houses, farms, and orchards. This order has evidently been secured through fraud and misrepresentation by members of the Indian ring who are known to be interested in having the settlers removed in order that they may sell the land and pocket the proceeds. Colonel Merrill goes up tonight and will be followed by one company of United States cavalry to-morrow.

Murderer Convicted. Reddick, who killed young Lykens near Leaven-worth, Kansas, a short time since, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Leavenworth yes-

Fatal Affray. On Monday evening Napoleon Bowen and Frank Dean were riding together on a saddle horse in Platte county, Mo., when a quarrel took place be-tween them, which resulted in Dean stabbing Brown twenty-one times, killing him instantly. Brown was nineteen years old, and a son of Judge Thomas Brown, of Buchanan county.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Internal Revenue Report. Despatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The Bureau of Internal Revenue has prepared a comparative statement showing the receipts from the sources of revenue taxable under existing laws for the first four months of the fiscal years, ending June 30, 1870, and June 30, 1871; also the aggregate increase and the increase or decrease from each source. crease or decrease from each source.

The receipts from July to October, 1876, were:—
Spirits, \$15,617,610.86; tobacco, \$11,424,359.72; fermented liquors, \$2,629,436.75; income, \$13,172,611.95; banks and bankers, \$1,647,188.96; special taxes, \$3,587,846.26; gas, \$634,928.98; penalties, \$271,060.67; stamps, \$4,720.710.32; all other sources, \$6,942,279.44; total. \$60,446,372.91. The receipts from the above sources from July to October, 1869, were \$59,443,799.73; showing an aggregate increase for this year of \$122.673.18.

The increase this year was from spirits, \$1,175,-356-14; tobacco, \$527,637-56; fermented liquors, \$455,-495-38; banks and bankers, \$228,685-75; gas, \$52,-674-81; penaities, \$56,564-87; all other sources, \$62,-613-29. Total, \$2,598,277-80. The decrease was: on incomes, \$1,099-224-51; special taxes, \$68,637-12; stamps, \$237,932-99. Total, \$1,395,794-62. The decrease was seen as the company of th stamps, \$227,032 99. Total, \$1,325,79-62. The decrease on incomes is only apparent; the annual list was collected earlier in 1870 than in 1869, and the Treasurer has received a note from New York, signed "Honesty," enclosing seventy dollars conscience money, and saying it is to supply an omission in the payment of internal revenue taxes.

Government Storekeepers Appointed. George Adolph, Edward Switzer, and Matthew H. Crawford have been appointed Storekeepers for First Pennsylvania district, and B. F. Pherigo Store-keeper for the Seventeenth district of Kentucky. Army Officers Mustered Out of Service.

Despatch to the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—The following officers, upon the recommendation of the board now in session in this city, of which General Hancock is President, have been mustered out of the United States

service:—

1st Lieutenant Edward P. Doherty, 5th Cavairy, and
Second Lieutenant Julius Skommel and Robert S.
Fietcher, 8th Infantry.

The following are discharged upon their own requests:—Captains John B. Shinn, 3d Artillery, and
Samuel B. Lauffler, Assistant Quartermaster, and
First Lieutenant William H. Davidson unassigned.

FROM NEW YORK.

Ship News. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Arrived, steamers City of Mexico, from Havana, and Corina, from Messina.

New York, Dec. 29.—Coroner Shields rendered a decision this afternoon in the case of David Lech, steward of the brig Elien O. Feeney, charged with the murder of the sailor Austrian Jack. Leech was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Incendiary Fires. Thoy, Dec. 29.—There were two incendiary fires at West Troy last evening, destroying property valued at \$10,000. Six families are rendered home-

Ride for Bonds. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Thirteen proposals for bonds were received to-day, amounting to about \$1,961,900, at from 106 13@106 94. The awards will be \$1,000,-600 at frem 106 13@106 55.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Snow Storm. BOSTON. Dec. 29 .- About four inches of snow have fallen since last evening. The storm ex-tends over New England. Appearances now indicate clearing up.

Baltimore Produce Market.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands, 15%c.; low middlings, 14%c. Flour quiet. Wheat firm; choice white, \$1.75@1.80; fair to prime, \$1.45@1.65; prime to choice red, \$1.70@1.80; fair to good, \$1.40@1.60. Corn scarce and higher; white, 77 @79c.; yellow, 75c. Oats active at 55@56c. Hye, \$5@95c. Provisions unchanged. Whisky—sales at 92c., but is generally held at 98@34c.

THE N. Y. ELEVATED RAILWAY.

The Indictment Against it-Fallure of the En-terprise.

The N. Y. Post of last evening says:—

We published yesterday the full text of the indictment found against the Elevated Railroad Company. The purport of the somewhat lengthy and legally explicit document was that the system of posts, rails, etc., which has been erected on Greenwich street and Ninth avenue. is a nuisance to the public and especially dange-rous to the "peace and welfare" of people who have occasion to travel in said thoroughfares. The indictment is certainly not a very pleasant affair for the stockholders in the enterprise, but we presume they will submit to the authorities of the city and county of New York in the end if they do not at present. We learn to-day that the gentlemen composing the company will contend against the indictment on the grounds that the road is pursuing its legitimate business under a legal charter. The company caunot be blamed for making this claim. Self protection is not only the first law of nature but of corporate bodies also. The charter for the "West Side Patent Elevated Railroad in Greenwich Street and Ninth Avenue" was granted by the Legislature, and may be found in Chapter No. 489 of the laws of 1867, of the State of New York. The legal right to build the railway is undoubted; but the enterprise is generally a failure. In the first place the method of propelling cars by means of stationary engines and long wire

ropes is not entirely practical.

Dummy engines to run upon the rails would be better. Then the general public, especially ladies and children, would not ride in cars on rails elevated on posts to a level with the second story windows of houses along the line. The patrons of the road would be confined to those people who pessess strong nerves, and have no fear of accidents. Merchants, business men, and res'dents along the line have been very urgent in their protests against the enterprise. For all these reasons the elevated railroad has proved a failure. We sympathize with the stockholders who have invested their money. Their enterprise was deserving of success. Men who endeavor to be public benefactors are to be commended rather than censured. Will the question as to the best method of quick transit between the upper and lower portions of the city ever be solved satisfactorily?

-Mr. George Peabody's remains have been removed from the tomb in the cemetery in Salem, Mass., and placed in a vault in the family lot in the same cemetery with the remains of his parents and sisters.

-California papers complain of a manifest increase in the number of shooting affrays throughout the state, and one of them ascribes it to the repeal of the law prohibiting the carrying of concealed deadly weapons. PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

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