THE CITY COMMISSIONS.

Board of Public Works-Board Water Commissioners - Metropolitan Police Board-Powers of the Commissioners -Names of the Proponed Members.

Three important bills establishing commissions in Philadelphia were introduced in the House at Harrisburg on Monday night. The following are the bills in full: -

A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

AN ACT To create a Board of Public Works in the

City of Philadelphia. Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter there shall be in the city of Philadelphia a Board of Public Works, which shall consist of the five following commissioners:-John A. Miskey, Delos P. Southworth, Lawis C. Cassidy, Thomas J. Barger, James D. Whetham, and Henry W. Gray.

Section 2. The said commissioners shall organize within ten days after the passage of this act, by electing one of their number president, and one, not of their number, clerk. The said commissioners shall hold their offices until the first Monday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and until their successors shall be duly qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars (\$3000),

The said Board of Public Works shall have exclusive cognizance, control and manage-

1. Of all highways, and of the opening, altering, regulating, grading, flagging, curbing and guttering of all streets, roads, places, and avenues, and of the right to purchase, control, and use all materials connected therewith.

2. Of the repairing and construction of pub-

lic roads and bridges.
3. Of all public buildings and property not in charge of the commission appointed to erect Public Buildings, in accordance with the act of Assembly of 5th day of August, A. D. 1870; the Park Commission, Board of Education, Inspectors of Philadelphia County Prison, Guardians of the Poor, Trustees of the Girard Estate, Board of Health, and House of Correction.

4. Of the filling up, leveling, and cleaning of sunken and other lots.

5. Of public sewers and drainage, and the construction and repair thereof. 6. Of paving, repaving, and repairing

streets, and keeping the same in order. 7. Of cleaning the public streets, roads,

and alleys. 8. The said board shall have the right to take the property of any turnpike or plank road company within the city of Philadelphia, and the price of laud and other property taken by the commissioners, or the damages for the taking thereof, shall be determined in the same manner and under the same laws as the price of land taken by the Park Commissioners, appointed under the provisions of an act entitled an act appropriating ground for public purposes in the city of Philadelphia, approved March 26, 1867,

and the various supplements thereto. Section 3. Said board shall make requisition on the Councils of the city of Philadelphia, on or before the first day of December, in every year hereafter, for the amount of money required by them, for the purposes of the Board of Public Works, and said Councils shall, within thirty days thereafter, pass an ordinance levying a tax sufficient to raise the amount so required.

Provided. That Councils may at any time make appropriation out of the annual tax in

aid of the purposes of this act.

Section 4. All appropriations made by the Councils of the city of Philadelphia to the Department of Public Highways, to the Board of Health, for cleaning the streets of said city, to the Commissioner of City Property, to the Department of Surveys, so far as the same relate to public sewers and drainage and the construction and repair thereof, be and they are hereby transferred to the Board of Public Works; and hereafter the Treasurer of the city of Philadelphia shall pay money out of said appropriations, as well as out of the appropriations hereafter made, only upon warrants drawn upon the Treasurer aforesaid by the President of the Board of Public Works, attested by the clerk thereof, with the seal of said board attached; and hereafter the said Treasurer shall open an account as that of the Board of Public Works, and enter in said account the items of appropriation transferred by this section, as well as all appropriations bereafter made by Councils to said board; and it shall be the duty of the City Controller to countersign all warrants drawn by this board in the manner aforesaid, upon being furnished by the board with a certificate that the work has been done, or that the amount for which the warrant is drawn was contracted according to law; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the city, upon presentation, to pay the same.

Section 5. The said Board of Public Works shall have the right to determine of what material the streets shall hereafter be paved; and for all streets paved with material other than cobble stone, under the direction of the board, the Board of Public Works, in payment thereof, is thereby authorized to issue the bonds of the city of Philadelphia, to be marked on the face thereof, and to be drawn as "City Paving Bonds," bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum, maturing in thirty years; and said bonds shall be executed by the President of the Board of Public Works, attested by the clerk thereof, with the seal of the board attached; and it shall be the duty of the Receiver of Taxes to add to the tax rate annually an item sufficient to pay the interest accruing on such bonds, and to raise one-thirteenth of the amount of said bonds each year, for the payment of said bonds at maturity, which sum shall be credited by the Treasurer of the city to a fund for the payment of the same, and the fund raised as aforesaid is hereby exclusively dedicated to the payment of the same.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Public Works to cause the streets, lanes and alleys laid out on the public plan to be opened, and such as they may deem necessary for the public interests to take possession of, and to cause the same to be paved, curbed, and, when necessary, culverted: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the said board to take possession of any street, road, avenue or highway until they have given or tendered to the owners of property fronting on the streets, roads and highways opened or about to be opened, the bond of the city of Philadelphia, to be executed by the president of said board, attested by the clerk thereof and the seal of the said board, conditioned for the paid property may be awarded by a jury drawn | the toregoing powers.

under the existing laws relating to opening streets and assessing damages therefor; and for that purpose the Board of Public Works is hereby anthorized to issue the bond of the

eity of Philadelphia, executed as aforesaid.
Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Board
of Revision of the city of Philadelphia, on request of the Board of Public Works, to revise or review any assessment made by them or those under them; and if, upon said review, the said Board of Revision shall increase the amount of said assessment, the increased amount shall be the assessed value of said property. Provided, The same shall not be done without notice to the owner of the property interested.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the board, immediately after their organization, to enter upon and take possession of the offices, books, papers, and property of the city of Philadelphia, in the various departments whose duties are transferred to the Board of Public Works, and it is hereby made the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Highways of the City of Philadelphia, and his assistants, the Commissioner of City Property, the Board of Health, so far as cleaning the streets of said city, the Department of Surveys, and all other departments whose labors are to be hereafter performed by this board, to transfer and deliver to the said board all books, papers, and property in their possession, or belonging to the city of Philadelphia, or to their respective departments, in reference to the business so transferred.

Section 9. Said board shall have the right to appoint such officer or officers, and employ such agents and persons as they shall deem necessary, and the same to remove at pleasure, and to fix the compensation of the persons employed, and make such contract or contracts as the board may consider necessary, which shall be executed on their part by the president and attested by the clerk and seal of the board, to be made for the purposes of this act; and shall have the further right and authority to do such other act or acts as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this

Section 10. In the event of a vacancy oc curring among the commissioners, it shall be the duty of the remaining members, by vote, to fill said vacancy for the remainder of said term of five years. Provided, That at no time in said board shall there be more than three members of one and the same political party, and any election by which this is interfered with shall be null and void, and in the event of the mejority of said board refusing to elect in accordance with this provision for one month after said vacancy shall have occurred, it shall be the duty of the Court of Common Pleas for the city of Philadelphia to appoint a person of such political party as will carry out the intent of this section.

Section 11. The duties imposed by this act on said board are exclusive, and any laws operating on any of the subjects named and enumerated in this act, and vesting power to execute the same in the city of Philadelphia, or any department thereof, shall continue in force only to vest the power in said board. Said board shall, by a resolution, supersede the functions of such individuals, municipal or State officers as, in their judgment, are needless by reason of the performance of like duties by officers appointed by this board. In the event of any conflict with the powers of the board the Court of Common Pleas of the city of Philadelphia, on petition of said board, shall make such order as shall secure compliance with the provisions of this act.

Section 12 It shall be the duty of the Board of Public Works to hold all business meetings in public, and in such manner as will enable the citizens of the city of Philadelphia to

attend and hear the proceedings.
Section 13. The qualified electors of the city of Philadelphia shall, on the second Tuesday in October, 1876, vote at their respective polls for offices of members of the Board of Public Works, and at said election each qualified elector shall vote for but three persons for members of said board, and the five persons who shall be found, at the closing of the polls on the day aforesaid, to have received the highest number of votes for the said office of member of the Board of Public Works, shall be declared elected, and shall hold their offices for the period of five years from the first Monday of November following their said election, and until their successors are duly qualified: Provided, That said election shall be conducted in the manner and under the law providing for the election of other municipal officers in the city of Phila-

Section 14. All laws inconsistent with the terms of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

THE WATER COUMISSIONERS.

To create a Board of Commissioners to sup-ply the City of Philadelphia and the inha-bitants thereof with Water.

AN ACT

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That here-after there shall be in the city of Philadelphia a Board of Commissioners to supply the city of Philadelphia with water, which shall consist of the five following commissioners:— John W. Forney, John Robbins, Jr., Richard Peterson, Isaac S. Cassin, William E. Reyburn.

Section 2. The said commissioners shall organize within ten days after the passage of this act, by electing one of their number president, and one not of their number clerk. The said commissioners shall hold their offices until the first Monday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight handred and seventy-six, and until their successors shall be duly qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars. The Board of Commissioners to supply the city of Philadelphia with water shall have all the powers of the city of Philadelphia, and of the Water Department, and of the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, and of the Register of Water, and whatever other authority may be necessary to give them the exclusive right to furnish and regulate the supply of water to the city of Philadelphia and the inhabitants thereof; and among other powers they shall have the right to take land for the construction of reservoirs; the construction of reservoirs and the filling thereof with water; the opening of highways for the laying of water-pipes; the laying of water-pipes, and of the collection of the costs thereof from the ground in front whereof the same is laid as now provided by law; the introduction of water into buildings and houses; the assessment and collection of water rents: to take the property of any water company within the city of Philadelphia, and the price of land or other property taken by the said commissioners, or the damages for the taking thereof, shall be determined in the same manner and under the same laws as the price of land taken by the Park Commission, appointed under the provisions of an act appropriating ground for public purposes in Philadelphia, approved March 26, 1867, and the various supplements thereto, and they shall also have the right to purchase all materials, and have the employment of all lahor, necessary for the execution of any of

Section 3. They shall also determine the necessity for erecting new water works, and have the exclusive authority for erecting the seme, as well as enlarging those now in existence, and have through their officers and agents exclusive charge of the same when erected and in course of erection, and of all material and property used in supplying the city of Philadelphia and the inhabitants thereof with water; and for the purpose of erecting new water works, or enlarging those now in existence, the said Board of Commissioners to supply the city with water shall have the right, and they are hereby authorized, to issue bonds maturing in thirty years in the name of the city of Philadelphia, for such sum or sums as may be necessary to erect said water works or enlarge the present works, and for the purchase of the necessary machinery; and said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be known as the "City Water Bonds," and have that indorsement thereon, and be executed by the President of the Board of Commissioners to supply the city with water, attested by the clerk thereof, with the seal of the department attached thereto; and it shall be the duty of the Receiver of I axes to add to the tax rate annually an item sufficient to pay the interest accruing on such bends, and to raise one-thirtieth of the amount of said bonds each year for the payment of said bonds at maturity, which said sum shall be credited by the Treasurer of the city to a fund for the payment of the same; and the fund raised as aforesaid is hereby exclusively

dedicated to the payment of the same. Section 4. Said board shall make requisitions on the Councils of the city of Philadelphia on or before the 1st day of December in every year hereafter, for the amount of money required by them for the purposes of the Board of Commissioners to supply the city with water, and said Councils shall. within thirty days thereafter, pass an ordinance levying a tax sufficient to raise the amount so required: Provided, that Councils may at any time make appropriations out of the annual tax for the purposes of this act.

Section 5. All appropriations made by Councils of the city of Philadelphia to the present Department for Supplying the City with Water are hereby transferred to the Board of Commissioners to supply the city of Philadelphia with water, created by this act, and hereafter the City Treasurer shall pay money out of the said appropriations, as wel as out of all appropriations hereafter made, only upon warrants drawn upon the Treasurer storesaid by the president of said board, attested by the clerk thereof, with the seal of the said board attached, and hereafter the said Treasurer shall open an account as that of the Board of Commissioners for Supplying the City with Water, and enter in the said account the items of appropriations transferred by this section, as well as all appropriations hereafter made by Councils to said board, and it shall be the duty of the City Controller to countersign all warrants drawn by this board in the manner aforesaid, upon being furnished by the board with a certificate that the work has been done, or that the amount for which the warrant is drawn was contracted according to law, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the city, upon presentation, to pay the same.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the board, immediately after their organization, to enter upon and take possession of the offices, books, papers, and property of the city of Philadelphia in the care, custody, or control of the present Department for Supplying the City with Water, and it is hereby made the duty of the Chief Engineer of Water and the Register of Water to transfer and deliver to the said board all books, papers, and property in their possession and belonging to the city of Philadelphia.

Section 7. Said board shall have the right to appoint such officers and employ such sgents and persons as they shall deem neces-sary, and the same to remove at pleasure, and to fix the compensation of the persons em-ployed, and to make such contract or contracts as the board may consider necessary, which shall be executed on their part by the President and attested by the clerk, and seal of said board to be made for the purposes of this act, and shall have the further right and authority to do such other act or acts as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this

Section 8. The qualified electors of the city of Philadelphia shall, on the second Tuesday in October, 1876, and every five years thereafter, vote at their respective pols for three of the electors aforesaid for the office of members of the Board of Commissioners for Supplying the City of Philadelphia with Water; and the five persons voted for, who shall be found at the closing of the polls on the day aforesaid to have received the highest number of votes for the said office for Commissioner of the Board for Supplying the City with Water, shall be declared elected, and shall hold their office for the period of five years from the first Monday in November following their said election, and until their successors are duly qualified: Provided, That the mode of conducting said election shall be in the manner and under the law providing for the election of other municipal officers in the city of Philadelphia.

Section 9. In the event of a vacancy occurring among the members of the board, it shall be the duty of the remaining members by vote to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the said term of five years: Provided, that at no time in the said board shall there be more than three members of one and the same political party, and any election by which this is interfered with shall be null and void; and in the event of a majority of said board refusing to elect in accordance with this provision for one month after said vacancy shall have occurred, it shall be the duty of the Court of Common Pleas of the city of Philadelphia to appoint a person of such political party as will carry out the intent of this sec-

Section 10. The duties imposed by this act on said board are exclusive, and any laws on any of the subjects named and enumerated in this act, and vesting power to execute the same in the city of Philadelphia, or the Department for Supplying the City with Water, or the Chief Engineer of Water Works, or the Register of Water, shall continue in force only to vest the power in the said board; said board shall, by a resolution, supersede the functions of any individuals or municipal officers as in their judgment are needless, by reason of the performance of like duties by officers appointed by this board. In the event of any conflict with the powers of this board the Court of Common Pleas, on petition of said board, shall make such order as shall secure compliance with the provisions of this act.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the board to hold all business meetings in public, and in such manner as will enable the citizens of Philadelphia to attend and hear the proceedings. Section 12. All laws inconsistent with the METROPOLITAN POLICE BOARD.

To provide for the appointment of a Metro-politan Police for the city of Philadelphia. Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That the city of Philadelphia be and is hereby enacted for the purposes of police discipline and gov-ernment into a district, to be known as the Metropolitan Police District of Philadelphia Section 2. The appointment, control, and entire government of the police of the said district shall be and are hereby vested in a Board of Police Commissioners, to be composed of the six following citizens:—Henry Bumm, Henry S. Tarr, George Truman, Thomas E. Gaskill, John C. Bickel, and A.

W. Fletcher. The said commissioners shall hold their offices until the first Monday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight bundred and seventy-six, and until their suc-cessors shall be duly elected and qualified, and within ten days after the passage of this act shall meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president. They shall also elect a clerk and an assistant clerk. In case of any vacancy in the said board, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the board shall fill the same by electing a commissioner for the remainder of the term of five years, the person chosen to be of the same political party as his predecessor.

Section 3. The qualified electors of the city of Philadelphia shall, on the second Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and every five years thereafter, vote at their respective polls for the office of Police Comn issioner, and at said election each qualided elector shall vote for but three persons for the office of Police Commissioners, and the six persons voted for who shall be found, at the closing of the polls on the day aforesaid, to have received the highest number of votes for the office of Police Commissioner, shall be declared elected Police Commissioners, and shall hold their offices for the period of five years, from the first Monday of November following this said election, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified: Provided, That the mode of conducting said election shall be in the manner and nuder the laws providing for municipal elections in the

city of Philadelphia. Section 4. Each commissioner shall receive the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) per annum, in full compensation for his services, and the clerk of the board the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) per annum, and the assistant clerk the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) per annum, and it is hereby made the duty of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia to appropriate sufficient moneys to pay the same; but no commissioner shall, during his continuance in office, hold any other position of profit or emolument under the United States, the State of Pennsylvania, or the city of Philadelphia; nor shall he while he continues a member of the said board be a candidate for any elective office whatever. He shall be liable to impeachment and removal for felopy, bribery, or malfeasance in office, in the manner now provided for the impeachment of aldermen in the city of Philadelphia. Section 5. The said board shall have entire control of all the police of the city of Philadelphia, and shall have authority to increase

the number thereof, should they deem the same needful and proper, and make such rules and regulations for the government of the said force as they may consider necessary. They shall fix the number and grade of the officers, and the annual compensation to each. Every applicant for an appointment on the force shall undergo a thorough physical ex-amination by a properly-qualified physician, selected by the board for that purpose, and no one shall be appointed who is not physically able, and cannot read and write, and no person shall be elected a member of the force

without the consent of a majority of the board. The board shall also have the appointment of the committing magistrate at the Central Station in the said city, as also of the committing magistrates of the different police districts that the said board may hereafter create in the Metropolitan Police district. They shall have the entire control and management of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph of the said city, as well as the control, appointment of, and dismissal of all persons cornected with the care and management of said telegraph. The said board shall have power to purchase ground necessary for the erection of new station-houses, if they deem station-houses necessary. They shall also have power to purchase or erect new statiouhouses, or contract for the erection of new station-houses from times to time, as said Police Commissioners shall deem necessary

for police purposes.

It is hereby made the duty of Select and Common Councils, by ordinance, to appropriate, within sixty days after requisition made upon them by said commissioners, such sum or sums of money as the said Board of Commissioners may require for the purpose of this act. The said board shall, from time to time, submit to Councils estimates of the sums required for the maintenance of the said force. All warrants for the payment of money drawn under the provisions of this act shall be drawn by the president and countersigned by the clerk in accordance

with existing laws. Section 6. The said board shall hold a daily Commissioners' Court, to be composed of not less than three commissioners, which shall be open to the public for the trial of members of the police charged with offenses, and for the purpose of hearing such complaints against any member of the force as shall be preferred by any citizen. For the purposes of this act any member of said board shall have power to administer an oath or affirma-

Section 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with any of the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed.

NEWS SUMMARY.

-William H. Johnson, of the Good Will Company, was elected Chief Engineer of the new Fire Department yesterday. -The merchant tailors of this city have formed a "Tailors' Exchange," with the following gentlemen as officers:

President-George Muhler. First Vice-President-E. O. Thompson. Second Vice-President-John Albright. Secretary-Charles K. Shoemaker. Executive Committee-James B. Mageoch, lenry Stevenson, J. H. Ehrlicher.

-The Finance Committee of Councils do not recommend the appropriation of \$2500 for additional stories on the wings of the State House.

Domestic Affairs. Speaker Blaine expects to visit Europe during the coming summer. -Disappointed colonists from Magdalena bay continue to arrive at San Francisco. -A stage was robbed by highwaymen, near Virginia City, Nevada, on Saturday. Two of terms of this act be and they are hore's, re-- Schator Chandler gave a grand reception 11 30 wcmsp No. 221 SPRING GAEDEN Street.

last evening at his residence, in Washington, which was well attended by distinguished persons.

-Governor Alcorn, of Mississippi, posi-tively declines to go to the United States Senate, and will retain his present position until the State is fully restared.

-In the case of the miner, Hoffman, who was brutally murdered at Mount Carmel, Pa., on Friday night, the coroner's jury has ren-dered a verdict that he cause to his death by firearms in the hands of persons unknown to them.

-The so-called revenue reformers ar anxious to have their claims recognized by the new Congress, and profess that they will be satisfied if one of two men whom they designate be appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

-Last evening, while Justice Bramlette was trying a colored man for riotens conduct at Meridian, Miss., a disturbance occurred in the court-room, and a black man named Tyles shot Bramlette, killing him instantly. Tyler and two of his comrades were killed by the citizens.

Foreign Affairs. -Favre and Simon have tendered their resignations, but Thiers will not accept them. -The revolutionary party of Paris is causing much anxiety among the orderly people

of the community.

The French soldiers interned in Belgium will be conducted to the frontier of France during the present week.

-Favre has gone to Versailles to prepare a palace for the National Assembly in the anticipation of its early removal from Bordeaux. -Extensive organized emigration from the ceded provinces will occur immediately, and large bodies of Alsatians will emigrate to

America. -Emperor William, at the review of the Prussian Guards at Longehamps, thanked them for the beroism, endurance, and devotion they had displayed, and added that they must thank Providence in choosing them as the instruments to bring to pass such events.

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