

The Girl a Horse and a Dog

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(Continued.)

"Doubtless he did," I admitted. "So there's where we land," he went on speculatively. "Two hundred and fifty thousand tacked onto half a million gives her a capital of three-quarters of a million sunk in her, first and last. Question is: 'Is she worth it?'"

I was beginning to get his idea at last. He was wondering if a mine that had once sold at a top-notch price of half a million could stand the investment of a quarter of a million additional and still hope to be a paying proposition.

"You mean that Bullerton is figuring upon spending a quarter of a million more on it?" I queried.

"Nope; I reckon I can't. There's too nigger in the woodpile, somewheres, Stannie, as sure 's you're born."

"Can you carry it any further?"

"Nope; I reckon I can't. There's too many darned things a-puzzlin' me. One of 'em is where in Sam Hill did Charley Bullerton get all the money that he's flashin' around so peacocky?"

"I don't know where he got it, but he has it, all right; carries it with him," I said sourly.

"Yes; but see here, Stannie, son, I'll bet a fee dog worth a hundred dollars that it ain't his money."

"What makes you say that?"

"Well, for one thing, because I know Charley Bullerton; been knowin' him since Adam was a little boy in knee-breeches. He can't keep any money of his own; just naturally ain't built that-away."

"Gambles it?" I suggested.

"Big gambles, yes; stocks and that sort of truck. No sir-ee; these yellow-backs he's a-fashin' around ain't his'n, not by a long chalk, and I'd bet on it. Somebody else is settin' 'em up; and if that's so, Stannie, there's a reason for it."

"Sure," I conceded. Then: "Could you make a long, high, running jump and guess at the reason, Daddy?"

"Not so 's it'd hold together, I reckon," he replied dubiously. "But there's a few little notions 'at I've picked up from folks that's older in this neck o' woods than I am—been here longer. The old Cinnabar never was what you'd call a 'bonanza.' Plenty of ore, to be sure, but mostly low grade, 'cepting them rich little pockets now and then."

"Those rich pockets," I put in. "A strike of one of them would be about the right time to sell, wouldn't it?"

He nodded.

"You're shoutin', now. I reckon that's about how they caught your gran'paw. But Buddy Fuller—he's the 'Tropia telegraph operator and a sort o' half-way nephew o' mine—says there's more to it than that. 'Long back couple o' years 'r so there was a copper strike made in Little Cinnabar gulch, about four mile west o' here, and follerin' it there was a heap o' talk about the railroad runnin' a branch to it. That there branch, if it was built—'r when it's built, for it's goin' to be, some day, to open them copper mines—that there branch 'll go right along our bench within a hundred yards of the old Cinnabar; so close you could mighty near dump from the ore sheds into the cars."

I began to see more crookings in the sacrificial road over which Grandfather Jasper had been led; many more and more devious ones.

"In that case, even the low-grade Cinnabar would come a bit nearer being a bonanza, wouldn't it?" I asked.

"She sure would, Stannie. That long, hard wagon haul to 'Tropia was what was puttin' the cuss in the east o' handin'."

"And with the railroad right at the door, so to speak, it might even pay to recapitalize at three-quarters of a million and drive that long drainage tunnel we have been figuring on?"

"Somethin' like that; yes. Can you see any further into the millstone? I'll say I've got about to the end of my squintin'."

I refilled my pipe and did a bit of cogitating. Supposing I had been the boss figure in the bunch that did Grandfather Jasper the honor to blink him; as conscienceless as that pirate, whoever he was, and in the secret of the conditions as Daddy had just outlined them, what would I have done?"

The answer came as pat as you please. With a railroad in prospect which would turn a small profit into a big one, I should quite probably have shut the mine down to wait until I could hear the whistle of the locomotive.

This conclusion led promptly and logically to another. Supposing, at the moment when I had decided upon the shut-down, some doddering old gentleman had come along and offered to buy the mine? Add, as a corollary, the supposition that the water problem was daily growing more insistent, with the ultimate threat of flood. As an ordinary, garden-variety mining shark, what would I have done?"

That answer came pat, also. I should have taken the old gentleman's money, trusting to the rising flood to make him sick of his bargain in due

course of time and thus willing to sell out for anything he could get.

"I believe I have it doped out," I told Daddy at the end of the cogitating pause; and then I passed the inferences along to him. The immediate effect was to evoke a couple of his quaint substitutes for profanity.

"Jeholachim-to-breakfast!" he exclaimed: "I'll be ding-swizzled if I don't believe you've struck the true lead, Stannie, my son! If you have, here's what follers: Charley Bullerton's here to do the dickerin' for that same old high-bindin' Cinnabar outfit that did your gran'paw up. They sold for half a million 'r so and now they're willin' to buy back for thirty or forty or fifty thousand. By Zebebel! I just knew that slick-tongued rooster was tryin' to work some skin game!"

"Yet he is going to marry your daughter," I put in grimly.

"If this old man turned gloomy-serious in the batting of an eye, drawing his mouth down at the corner and sucking hard at the pipe which had long since burned out.

"That's been a-pinchin' me like a tight boot, Stannie," he admitted. "If you'd ast me afore he come, I'd 'a told you she hadn't a morsel o' use for that con-dummed blowhard. But just you look at the way things are stackin' up now! He's snoopin' round her mighty near all the whole time and she ain't never once give me the wink to send him a-kinin', like I'm itchin' to."

He told me to look. I had been looking until my eyes ached. The indications were all one way. Tons of them; with only one little impulsive kiss to put in the other pan of the scale. I didn't tell Daddy about the kiss; but I did tell him that Jennie had told me not to sell the Cinnabar.

"So?" he commented, living up to a little. "That brings on more talk. Reckon you can make out to hang onto the old cow's tail for a spell longer?"

I took time to consider my answer. "I've been wonderin' if, all things given their due footing, it were worth while to hang on, Daddy. As matters stand now, Bullerton is stuck unless I sell out to him. If I should take my foot in my hand and walk out, he'd be left up in the air. But, on the other hand, there's Jennie. If she's got to marry Bullerton, why, that's a horse of another color. I'm not enough of a dog-in-the-manger to bite her nose off to spite Bullerton's face."

"Um," was the grunted response. Then, with a side swipe that I wasn't looking for: "Charley Bullerton's been hintin' 'round that you're tied up with a girl back East. Is that so?—or is it only another one o' his frilly lies?"

I laughed.

"I wish I knew, Daddy; I'd sure tell you if I would anybody. We were really engaged—the back-East girl and I; but I don't think we are now, and I don't think she thinks so. Anyway, she called it all off when we found out—or thought we found out—that my grandfater hadn't left me anything in his will. She's like Jennie says she is, you know: she's got to marry money."

"Jus' so," he said, with a rather grim glint in the mild blue eyes. "All the same, if you had the old Cinnabar in slap-up workin' order, I reckon you'd have to go back yonder and marry her, wouldn't ye?"

"I'd be in honor bound to offer to, anyway."

"That don't sound much like you was carin' a whole lot for her," he objected gravely.

I despaired in advance of making him understand the lack of sentiment in the case, or the viewpoint from which any such condition could be considered as a human possibility. He was much too simple-hearted. So I got rid of the Lisette obstacle, or got around it, as best I could.

"She has been free for several weeks, now; in all probability she is wearing some other fellow's ring by this time. But about the Cinnabar: assuming that my string of guesses is hitched up to the true state of affairs, what would you advise me to do? Shall I hang on—with no prospect, that I can see, of getting anywhere on my own hook? Or shall I sell out to Bullerton and thus let your daughter in for a wife's share of a possible fortune?"

"Gosh-all-hemlock!" he sputtered, "when you line it up that-away, I reckon I ain't the man to tell you what to do!" Then, as upon a second and belated thought: "Jennie says for you not to sell; if she said that to me, I'd hang on till the cows come home. I would so!"

I got up and knocked the ashes from my pipe.

"And that, Daddy, is precisely what I'm going to do," I said; and the saying of it ended the conference in the abandoned tunnel of the "Little Jennie."

CHAPTER X.

The Deep Wells.

The next morning I turned out at break of day, before anybody else was up, slipped into my clothes, straightened up my bunk, and dropped through the ladder hatchway to the main-deck.

I had told myself that the reason for the daybreak turn-out was a desire to see if the railroad people really had been sufficiently in earnest about the proposed copper mine branch to make a survey for it; but the true underlying push was a biting reluctance to have anything more to do with Bullerton, or even to sit at table with him.

Tiptoeing through the common room, so as not to wake Daddy Hiram, I broke into Jennie's kitchen and raided the cupboard for a bite of something to eat. There was plenty of bread, and some cold fried ham, and cutting a couple of generous sandwiches, I hiked out to make my breakfast in the open.



Raided the Cupboard for a Bite of Something to Eat.

The sandwiches disposed of, I began to quarter the bench woodland back and forth, searching for some indications of the railroad survey. In due time I found one of the location stakes, and from its facing and the markings on it, got the direction of the proposed line and was able to trace it for some distance along the bench. As Daddy had said, it ran within a few hundred yards of the Cinnabar claim, and a short sidetrack would make his suggestion perfectly feasible; or one could be shot into the cars with but a single handling.

From tracing the railroad survey, I edged around to take another look at the possibilities of the drainage tunnel Daddy and I had figured on. Going over the ground this second time, and with some better knowledge of the difficulties, it appeared that we must have ridiculously underestimated the probable cost. Pacing the distances carefully, and guessing at the differences in altitude by the heights of the trees, I saw that it wouldn't be safe to count upon less than a mile of tunneling, and this, in the solid porphyry of Old Cinnabar, and in a situation remote from the nearest base of supplies, would run—no, it wouldn't run; it would fairly gallop into money.

Was this what Bullerton meant to do if he could out me? That he was utterly confident of his ability to drain the Cinnabar was evident. But how was it to be done? Would he, or his backers, be willing to spend a quarter of a million or more, and the better part of a year's time, driving that mile-long tunnel?

(Continued next week.)

PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. Thomas Jodon returned home on Sunday last after spending ten days at the home of Prof. Jonas Wagner, at Capitol Hill, Harrisburg.

Jack Noll, wife and daughter Jean returned on Saturday night, after a week's sojourn in Woodlawn, Beaver county. They divided their time between the Kirkwoods, Leslie Miller and Pittsburgh.

Prof. John Herman and wife, of Philadelphia, after spending their holiday vacation with their parents, returned to their home on Tuesday last. John says if he ever worked double time he surely did on this occasion.

Charles Rimmer, a progressive farmer of Pennsylvally, has purchased the former property of the late Mrs. Charlotte Eckenroth, consisting of two houses and three acres of ground, from E. H. Zeigler, of Madisonburg. Consideration \$2000 cash.

Mrs. Esther Melroy had the misfortune to fall on the ice on Monday last, and was painfully injured; so much so that she was obliged to call into requisition a wheel chair. Her husband, Raymond Melroy, is absent from home, touring the Anthracite region on official business.

Ten teams are busily engaged in transporting standard props to the Pleasant Gap station for shipment by the P. R. R. The other vast accumulations of finished products of the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Co. are lying dormant. No market up to this time for the same is in sight. It is gratifying to note that this extensive firm is doing its utmost to continue their old employees at work, market or no market.

It may seem a little discouraging when you occasionally see a family buying a bushel of coal on a cold wintry day. However, we have but few families who are driven to that unpleasantness. Our favorite industry, Whiterock Quarries, is doing its utmost to give employment to all that they can place under these stringent times, so that most of our community are employed and little suffering is noticeable. It is rumored that the corporation is running at a loss, but is eager to retain as many of its old employees as possible. This situation is to be commended, and is apparently appreciated by the ones directly concerned.

Our Methodist cantata of the holiday week was, as usual, a decided success and was patronized to the full extent of the church capacity. All the performers acquitted themselves admirably well. Frank Milward, acting in the capacity of Kris Kinkle, was complimented on all sides for the able manner in which he conducted his assignment, while his son, a youngster not much larger than a pound of soap, proved to be the clown for the occasion, rendered remarkable service and was vociferously applauded. The youngster played his part exceedingly well, in fact all acted their parts so well that the chronic kickers were as silent as clams.

Centre County Contributions to Near East Relief.

During the year July 1st, 1920, to July 1st, 1921, the people of Centre county contributed the sum of \$11,750.67 to the Near East relief, as follows:

Aaronsburg	192.45
Axe Manship	10.00
Bellefonte	4086.47
Blanchard	35.26
Boalsburg	407.72
Centre Hall	388.53
Clarence	40.00
Coleville	11.00
Coburn	17.83
Farmers Mills	26.50
Flora	10.00
Gatesburg	62.00
Howard	258.49
Hubersburg	35.00
Julian	20.00
Lemont and Oak Hall Station	166.46
Madisonburg	40.00
Martha Furnace	40.05
Milesburg	64.25
Milhelm	271.44
Monument	69.33
Moshannon	39.00
Mount Eagle	10.00
Orviston	200.42
Penn Hall	90.00
Phillipsburg	183.85
Pine Grove Mills	152.00
Pleasant Gap	125.06
Port Matilda	30.00
Rebersburg	18.81
Runville	10.00
Snow Shoe	33.44
Snydertown	30.00
Spring Mills	33.44
State College	1576.25
Stewart	14.00
Tusseyville	111.76
Unionville	105.00
Woodward	30.00
Yarnell	10.00
Zion	156.11
Centre County League of Women	50.00
Voters	60.00
Centre County C. T. U.	\$1200.00 (credited to communities).
Brungart Lutheran Church (Milesburg)	5.00
Fairview Union Sunday School (Bozogs Township)	5.00
Houses of Charge, United Brethren Church	35.55
Nittany Valley Charge, Reformed	90.23
Pine Hill Lutheran Church	69.00
Shiloh Lutheran Church	120.00
St. Paul's Union Sunday School (Haines Township)	17.62
Not Located	44.77
Total	\$11,750.67

This amount is the cash paid in during the fiscal year July, 1920,—July, 1921. Bellefonte, Boalsburg, Clarence, Lemont and State College had a considerable amount in pledges made in February, 1921, but only what was paid on them before July first is included here. All money paid after that date goes toward the 1921—1922 quota, just as pledges made in February, 1920, and partly or wholly paid after July first of this year helped very materially to increase the 1920—1921 amount. This means that Centre county in the past year has cared for 195 orphans at \$60.00 an orphan. Let us try to keep the 195 alive through the coming year.

Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Hubersburg, Linden Hall, Phillipsburg, State College and Tusseyville have given very substantial amounts of second hand and new clothing.

If any communities not listed here have sent in either money or clothing, will they kindly report to the county chairman that full credit may be given them.

MARY H. LINN,
Chairman Centre County
Near East Relief.

CENTRE HALL.

Mrs. Witter, of Harrisburg, came to the Arney home on Tuesday afternoon.

Capt. G. M. Boal spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Meyer, at Reedsville.

James Smith, of Williamsport, spent the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Issac Smith.

Prof. and Mrs. Reitz spent several weeks at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Aaron Thomas.

The schools re-opened on Monday, with a good attendance. The week's vacation was enjoyed by all the pupils.

Miss Elizabeth Boozer, of Pittsburgh, spent her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozer.

"Week of Prayer" services have been attended very well here. The different ministers have given us some very good sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher, after spending a delightful Christmas with their daughter, at Cresona, returned to their home last Thursday.

The young people of our town who are students in different institutions of learning returned to their respective schools during the past week.

Mrs. John Auman, who was frightfully shocked when the storm unroofed their house several weeks ago, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital over a week ago.

Several cases of flu have developed in and around Potters Mills. John Blauer, a boy of fifteen or sixteen years, was the first victim. He took sick on Sunday and died on Monday.

Rev. W. R. Picken was quite ill over last Sunday. He was threatened with pneumonia, but has greatly improved during the week. Mrs. J. H. Puff and Mrs. I. M. Arney were also threatened with pneumonia recently. The dread disease seems to be quite prevalent. So many people are suffering from very severe colds.

RUNVILLE.

Edward Lucas is visiting among friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. D. F. Poorman spent the week-end at Williamsport, visiting among friends.

Daniel Houseman, of Altoona, visited at the home of Mrs. Annie Lucas, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shutt and three children, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the home of E. S. Bennett.

W. T. Kunes and sister, Mrs. Addie Swisher, of Mill Hall, spent Friday night at the home of L. J. Heaton.

Mrs. Clair Poorman and two children, of Hornell, N. Y., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker.

Hayden Sparks, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Verda Sparks, of Altoona, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sparks.

Mrs. Edward Reese and little

daughter spent Sunday at Milesburg, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fetzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Witherite and little daughter Ruth, of Osceola Mills, spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. Witherite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Witherite.

Making Bad Things Worse.

Winter, as if it were an evil spirit, seems to take delight in making bad things worse. Rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of these are developed and aggravated.

These are common diseases, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been very successful in the treatment of these complaints. It is easily obtained, and there is abundant testimony that its effects are radical and permanent.

In cases where a laxative or cathartic is needed, it is well to supplement Hood's Sarsaparilla with Hood's Pills, which are gentle, thorough and effective.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE AND REPEALING AN ORDINANCE APPROVED JULY 23, 1888.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE, at a regular meeting assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same that from and after the passage of this Ordinance the several Fire Companies, now existing and recognized in the Borough of Bellefonte, each belonging to and being a part of the Fire Department of said Borough, as well as any which may hereafter be organized or chartered and recognized by said Borough, shall together form the Fire Department of the Borough of Bellefonte, each of the Companies, now recognized as forming a part of the Fire Department of said Borough, are evidenced by a certificate from the Town Council, signed by the President, and attested by the Clerk thereof, and the same shall be subject to the common seal of the Borough, which certificates have been or should be framed by the Companies to whom granted and hung in the office of the Fire Department, in the room of such Company. Like certificates shall be granted by the Town Council to any Companies, which may be formed and recognized by said Council as forming a portion of the Fire Department of the Borough, who shall be required to comply with the conditions, hereinabove stated, relative to the present Companies.

SECTION 2. The Department so created shall at all times be under the direction, control and supervision of an officer, who shall be styled the Chief Marshal of the Fire Department, and the Chief Director of each of the said several Fire Companies, now or hereafter recognized as part of the Fire Department, shall be subject to the said Chief Marshal and shall at all times be subject to his order and direction in the purchase of apparatus and equipment, and shall be subject to his order and direction in the purchase of apparatus and equipment.

SECTION 3. The Chief Marshal may or may not be a member of a Fire Company, but shall not be an officer or member of any of the same. He shall hold his office for the term of one year and shall be elected by the Town Council at a regular meeting in January in each and every year and shall serve until his successor has been duly elected.

SECTION 4. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Marshal, by reason of death, resignation, refusal to serve, removal from the Borough, or by removal from office, such vacancy shall be filled by the Town Council by the election of another person for the unexpired term. Provided, that said Council may, for any reason, which to them may seem just and proper, by a two-thirds vote of all members, declare the office of Chief Marshal vacant, and proceed to fill the same by an election for the unexpired term.

SECTION 5. That whenever complaint is made against the Chief Director of a Fire Company, charging such person as being incompetent or as having failed to perform his duty, the Town Council shall at its next meeting take the necessary measures to investigate the charges and to that end the Council shall notify the party accused in writing, whereupon he stands charged or acquitted in such notice a time and place when and where the charges will be investigated and when the accused may be heard, and at the time so designated the Council shall hear and determine whether the charges made are sustained, and if sustained, it shall be the duty of the Fire Company, of which said Chief Director is a member, to forthwith elect some other member of its organization in his place and stand for the unexpired term.

SECTION 6. That the said Chief Marshal and the Chief Directors, when elected to the said several offices, shall be sworn to perform the duties of their respective offices with fidelity and to the best of their ability.

SECTION 7. That the Chief Marshal shall have absolute control over the direction of all firemen and all fire apparatus and equipment during and at the time of fires, and for any insubordination thereof, may suspend from the Department any member or members of any Fire Company, as he may deem proper, subject to an appeal by such suspended member or members to the Town Council, which shall thereupon investigate the circumstances of such suspension, and shall concur in the action of said Marshal or shall ratify the member or members so suspended.

SECTION 8. That the said Chief Marshal is hereby authorized with the aid of the Police force and the patrol, hereinafter provided for, to exclude every person from in any manner interfering with the functions of the Department while on duty at a fire, except owners of property in the immediate vicinity of such fire or persons having a pecuniary interest therein or their agents.

SECTION 9. The said Chief Marshal and the patrol, hereinafter named, shall have the power and authority to arrest and take into custody any person or persons who shall persist in any unauthorized interference with the fire apparatus and equipment used by the Department during and at the time of a fire, and such offender or offenders to convey before the Chief Burgess or any Justice of the Peace of the said Borough, and upon conviction of any such offender, before the said Burgess or Justice of the Peace, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than Five Dollars nor more than Twenty Dollars at the discretion of said Burgess or Justice of the Peace and in default of payment of such fine shall be committed to the Jail of Centre County for a period of one day for each and every dollar of fine so imposed.

SECTION 10. That the said Chief Marshal shall keep a record of all fires and in such record shall note the time and place of occurrence, and shall ascertain, if possible, the cause or origin of such fires, together with the amount of insurance, if any, on the property destroyed and the amount of actual loss sustained, which records shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Town Council and to such other person or persons, who may have a pecuniary or public interest therein. It shall be the further duty of the said Chief Marshal to inspect the entire fire apparatus and equipment at least once a month, and to test the fire hose at least once every six months. He shall also in the months of October and April of each year at the first meeting of the Town Council in said month, render to the Council a detailed report, which shall show the number of firemen in the respective organizations, composing the Fire Department, the number of fires that shall have occurred during the preceding six months, the amount and condition of hose and other equipment, as well as the conditions generally of said Department.

It shall be the further and especial duty of the said Chief Fire Marshal to inspect dwelling houses and other buildings in the Borough, wherever there may be cause

to suspect that there is or are any dangerous flues or flues or where any stove pipe or pipes pass through a ceiling or ceilings or project through the roof without being made sufficiently secure against accident by fire and in case any such dangerous flue or pipe is found in other condition, which might cause fire, he shall at once report the same to the proper committee of the Town Council and recommend action in the premises according to the ordinance in such case made and provided; and in case he should discover or learn of the existence of any other element, which is dangerous or likely to become dangerous, he shall likewise report the same to the proper committee of the Council with recommendation as to the proper action to be taken to speedily abate or remove the dangerous element.

SECTION 11. Each Fire Company shall on or before the second regular meeting of Council in January of each and every year hereafter recommend to Council six persons, members of said Companies, each of whom shall be qualified to act as driver and operator of cars equipped with triple combination fire extinguishing apparatus; whereupon said Council at said meeting shall elect four of said six persons so recommended for the positions aforesaid, who shall serve for one year. Any of said drivers and operators may be dismissed by the Chief Marshal upon approval of the Town Council for failure to serve, incompetency or for failure to properly discharge the duties required of such persons. In case of a vacancy, either by dismissal as aforesaid, death, resignation, removal from the Borough, or otherwise, the Fire Company wherein such vacancy occurs shall recommend to Council one more than the required number of persons to fill such vacancy, whereupon the same shall be filled by an election by the Council for the unexpired term.

SECTION 12. The Chief Marshal of the Fire Department and the Chief Directors of the Fire Companies, shall make such rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the several Companies in the Department upon the arrival at fires while remaining thereat and returning therefrom, and in the caring for and preserving of all property, apparatus and equipment of said Department, as they shall deem proper and necessary.

SECTION 13. That from and after the passage of this Ordinance or when a vacancy shall occur in the office of Chief Director of each Company or organization in the Fire Department shall appoint five of its members to be members of the fire patrol and it shall be the duty of the persons composing the fire patrol to be present at all fires to aid in rescuing persons and securing property from burning buildings, to preserve the property so rescued and secured from being stolen or destroyed and to prevent all unauthorized persons from in any manner interfering with any of the fire apparatus and equipment belonging to the said Department; provided, however, that each member of the said fire patrol shall at all times be subject to and under the order and direction of the Chief Fire Marshal.

SECTION 14. That each and every member of the fire patrol shall be sworn before the Chief Burgess to discharge with fidelity all the duties hereby imposed, and after being so sworn, while in the line of duty, each member thereof shall have and exercise all the powers of a policeman and peace officer.