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council. The amendment was, however, Lancaster Entelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 28, 1881.

BEATEN BY A MINORITY.

THE FIRE ORDINANCE DEFEATED.

Adopted by a Unanimous Vote in Selec Council, it fails in the common Branch for Lack of a Constitutional Majority, 12 members Voling for it and 8 Against it-Friends of the Mill to Renew the Fight at the December Meeting—A Proposition from incilman Cox.

A special meeting of select and common councils was held last evening.

Select Council.

The following named members were present : Messrs. Barr, Bitner, Borger, Doerr, Franklin, George W. Zecher, Philip Zecher, and Evans, president.

President Evans stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the special committee on the reorganization of the fire department, with a view of further considering an ordinance for the re-organ ization of the department, which had been read a first time at last meeting of council.

Mr. G. W. Zecher, from the committee, said the committee had requested the call of a special meeting, so that the ordinance might be considered, and if any amendments to it should be proposed they could be read and printed and put in shape for final action at the December meeting. He moved that council proceed to a second reading of the ordinance,

The motion was agreed to and the ordieach section adopted by a unanimous vote. It was then read by title, and passed finally by the following vote :

Yeas-Messrs. Barr, Bitner, Borger, Doerr, G. W. Zecher, Philip Zecher and Evans, president-7.

Nays-None.

Mr. G. W. Zecher, for the information of council, stated that the committee had been in correspondence with the several fire companies of the city and that more than enough of them had expressed a willingness to lease their apparatus and premises to the city on more liberal terms than the committe had expected. The committee would be ready to report the proposed terms of lease and other matters at the December meeting.

There being no further business, coun al adjourned.

Common Council The following named members were

present. Messrs, Albert, Barnes, Boos, Brown, Cormeny, Cox, Davis, Diffenderffer, Fisher, Hays, Huber, Johnson, McMullen, Oster-

mayer, Reith, Shroder, Shulmyer, Smeych, White and Levergood-president. Dr. Davis suggested as a means of economizing time that common council engage informally in the consideration of the mat-

ter with regard to which they had been assembled, pending communication from the other branch, where action upon the fire ordinance would have to originate. On motion council went into committee of the whole (Dr. Davis in the chair) for the purpose indicated.

Mr. Cox thereupon presented a lengthy paper, being a proposition of his owa for the reorganization of the fire department, to take the place of the plan proposed by

voted down by a vote of 10 to 9, and consideration of the ordinance was proceeded with. The seventeen sections were sever ally adopted, a number of the members, notably Mr. Johnson, voting persistently against each, and when the final question was reached, "Shall this bill pass?" the clerk called the roll, and the members roted as follows :

Yeas-Messrs. Albert, Barnes, Boos, Brown, Davis, Diffenderffer, Hays, Mc Mullen, Ostermayer, Shroder, Shulmyer." Levergood, president-12. Nays-Messrs. Cormeny, Cox, Fisher,

Huber, Johnson, Reith, Smeych, White

President Levergood had already declared the ordinance adopted, when Mr. Johnson rose to a point of order, declaring the bill was not adopted, a majority of all the members elected not having voted affirmatively.

The president decided the point well taken, withdrew his former decision, and ruled that the bill was not adopted, for lack of a constitutional majority. It would, he said, require 14 votes in the affirmative to pass the bill, that being a majority of all the members of the body.

Common council then adjourned. It is understood the friends of the measure will renew the struggle at the stated meeting to be held on the 7th of December, and they declare confidence in their ability to muster the requisite number of votes to carry it through.

How Washington Treated Cornwallis.

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ington. " 'Who is you ?' sez Massa Gineral Wash-

ington, looking very cross. "'Why, I'se Lawd Cornwallis, sah,' sez he, a-bowin' and a-scrapin'. "'Is ye, ye son-of-a-gun ?' says Massa

Gineral Washington ; and pullin' out his sword he chopt his head clean off."

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from Montreal and Quebec, lost 581 sheep and 117 head of cattle, and had her cargo shifted.

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the special committee and reported by councils. Mr. Cox proposes to retain the seven fire engine companies at an annual appropriation of \$1,000 each ; one hook and ladder company at \$600; fire alarm telegraph, \$3,500, chief engineer \$600 per annum : a total yearly cost of \$11,700, which Mr.Cox claims to be \$10,000 less than the special committee's system will entail. He goes on to clucidate his idea of the department as follows : "That the fire department remain under the management and control of the different fire companies, whose head shall be a chief eugineer appointed or elected by the city. The engineer to devote his whole time to the department and matters pertaining to the same ; to have entire control over the department and his rulings to be final on any company disobeying his orders or violating any of the rules and regulations of the department. Give him authority to suspend any company disobeying his orders. Require each company to run its apparatus with horses, require each company to pay the following named men a stipulated sum for the performance of fire duties-one foreman, one assistant foreman, one driver, four hosemen, one engineer, one assistant engineer, one fireman. one assistant fireman and two pipemen-13 employees in all to each company. Require each one of these to be fully equipped and his position designated by a proper badge, and impose upon him a fine of one dollar for each and every fire that he at tends not fully equipped. After each fire the foreman or assistant foreman of each company shall call the roll, and any member failing to respond, fully equipped, to be fined one dollar for each and every failure to properly respond. A similar fine to be inflicted for every failure to be present at a fire. Any member violating the rules and regulations of the fire de. partment of the city or of the company to which he belongs shall be reported to his company, and at the next meeting of the company shall be fined or expelled, as the company may determine, and any member so fined who neglects to pay said fine within ten days after being so fined, shall be removed from the position on the paid list and another man appointed in his place.

Mr. Cox concludes that a better managed department, with three more companies and consequent increased efficiency, can be maintained by this proposition, for \$10,000 a year less than the committee's system will cost, and that the department will be kept out of politics, "something devoutly to be prayed for by the taxpayers, for every one knows that if once the politicians get their hooks in (no matter what party may be in power) you will have a depleted treasury to keep up a fire department, with no service rendered corresponding with the immense outlay required."

The discussion of Mr. Cox's paper was interrupted by the appearance of the clerk of select council with the ordinance introduced in that body at the last regular meeting and printed in full in our columns at the time. As reported in the proceed ings of that body the ordinance was now finally adopted in select council by unanimous vote.

The committee at once rose and without paying further attention to the Cox com munication proceeded to the consideration of the ordinance. The clerk read through the bulky document a first and second times, and the councilmen listened in a sleepy sort of way "Shall this bill be read a third time?" asked the president. Some of the members voted no, but not enough to defeat the question, and so Clerk Johnston respection 1, and it was adopted. For section 2, Mr. Cox presented

a substitute, it being the manifest purpo: e of the opposers of the bill to gain time by delaying final action, which could only be done by amending it. A running discussion ensued on the amendment. Mr. Barnes and Dr. Davis, of the special committee, opposing it, declared their in-ability to perceive any advantages to be any advantages to be

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