### INSPECTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Quarters Visited by Mayor, Chief an Other City Officials.

CONDITIONS OF THE HOUSES AND APPARATUS NOTED BY THE IN-SPECTING PARTY AND TESTS MADE OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO GET THE VARIOUS COMPANIES OUT OF THE HOUSES-COMPANIES THAT WILL BE VISITED BY THE PARTY TODAY.

The annual inspection of the Scranton fire department was begun yesterday afternoon. Ten companies were visited, being those located in the central city, west and South Scranton. Mayor Bailey and Chief Hickey, ac-companied by the members of the select and common council fire commitbeing the same in each instance. Reports were received from each fore-man. Attention was called to the de-fects, etc., to be looked after, and a test was made of the speed in getting away from the engine house. Two companies, Chemicals and Crystals, were tie for the best record of fourteen and one-half seconds, and the longest time was thirty seconds, for the Hook and Ladder company.

At 2 o'clock the inspecting party, comprisit Mayor Bailey, Chief Hickey, My Engineer J. P. Phillips, Building Inspector John Nelson, chief's secretary, William Tannler, and the members of the committees, select Simon Thomas, chairman; Thomas O'Boyle and John J. McAndrew; common council, Edward Wenzel, chairman; Morris V. Morris, Thomas Morton, D. H. Reese, Philip Wirth and F. W. Zitzelman and representatives of the press, left the city hall and proceeded to the Crystal Engine company's quarters, on Linden street, where the first inspection was

STUFFY QUARTERS Here the things most noted was the close, stuffy, sleeping quarters of the permanent men, many renovations be-The advisability of exing needed. tending the building toward the rear was discussed. At present a small, one-story structure, erected by the city, serves the purpose. The chief remarked that the erection of this extension and a remodelling throughout would place the company on an equal footing with the best. The present location was not to be improved upon from which to answer an alarm in the

The speed test was then made. Permanent Man C. E. Tropp, assisted by two members of the company, got his hose wagon out in fourteen and onehalf seconds from the stroke of the bell until the rear wheels passed the door, Last year's record was sixteen sec-The team is the one brought over from the Columbia's, in West Scranton, a few months ago.

This is an exceptionally fine record. considering that the team was the rawest one ever broken into the service. and Permanent Man Meyers, of the Columbia, had a difficult job to do it. Permanent Man Isaac Tice took the three men in twenty and one-half seconds. Chief Hickey and Councilman Wenzel held stop watches.

Here the question of extending and is too close to the stalls and for the engine and hose cart the space is rathnarrow. Also the finishing of the interior of the third story, which is now used as an assembly room, gymnasium, etc. While here the party were entertained by a clever punching bag exhibition by John Kelly, a member of the company.

## EXTENSION NEEDED.

It is likely that the rear extension will receive close attention by the committees, as complaints have been made by persons residing near by of the odors from the stall refuse, which is put outside in waist cans. At the test Permanent Men Harry Reed got his hose cart out in twenty-two seconds on a first trial and seventeen and onefourth on a second trial. Permanent Men Eugene Moyer took the steamer out in twenty-seven seconds. The run is long here, and two men assisted in each case. Some difficulty was experienced with the steamer horses, owing to the unaccustomed presence of so many persons in the room.

From here the party went to the Hook and Ladder Truck company's quarters, on West Lackawanns avenue. Ordinary repairs, especially in the case of the stall doors was all that was necessary here. Permanent Men Thomas Conlin and Adam Steinhauser hitched in eighteen seconds, and on a second trial left the building in thirty seconds. This was considered good, as the team has been out of service for over a week, owing to one of the horses being sick.

Franklin Engine company, No. 1, on North Hyde Park avenue, was next visited. Here also the sanitary arrangements were brought up for discussion. It seems that Morgan Bowen, who owns a piece of land 50x28 in the rear, is anxious to sell and has made a reasonable offer. Should this be procured and the present structure extended, many present troubles would



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Parnell, but also by some members of

the very party. After the passing of the crimes act, which closed a period

of almost unexampled parliamentary

and administrative difficulty, Egypt

began to occupy the mind of parlia-

ment. The struggle with Arabi came

to a head in July, when Sir B Sey-

mour (now Baron Alcester) bombard-

ed the forts of Alexandria, and was

ended on Sept. 13, when Sir Garnet

Wolseley won the battle of Tel-el-

But Mr. Gladstone's difficulties were

only just beginning. The revolt of the

Arab tribes of the Soudan-the de-

struction of Hicks Pasha's Egyptian

army, the two Suakim expeditions, the

despatch of General Gordon to Khar

toum, and long afterwards of Lord

Woiseley's relieving force, the advance

of this latter, its difficulties and its

hard-won victories, its failure to reach Khartoum in time to save Gordon-

these things are too fresh in the pub-

ties, and thus completing the democra-

of Lord Salisbury, declined to pass it

until the Redistribution Scheme was before them. But after an autumn of popular "demonstrations" a series

of conferences between the Liberal and

Tory leaders were held, in which the lines of a Redistribution bill were set-

tled. In 1885 both bills were passed,

but very shortly afterwards, on June

9, of the same year, Mr. Glaustone

was overthrown by a vote on the Bud-

get and the Conservatives, under Lord

Salisbury's leadership, came into pow-

A general election took place in

November, just five menths after Mr.

Gladstone's defeat, and the Liberals

were successful. Their strength, nu-

merically, was about equal to that of

the Tories and Parnellites combined.

When Mr. Gladstone returned to office

he announcd his readiness to intro-

duce a home rule measure for ir land.

and this created dissension in the Lib-

eral ranks and practically broke up

declined to accept offices, and Mr.

Chamberlain and Mr. Trevelyan only

accepted on grounds which subsequent-

April 8. The day will be long remem-

and the tens of thousands who rend

of the scenes and stirring incidents

which occurred before, during and after

the speech. The following day, at the

second reading, the bill was rejected

by a majority of thirty.

Mr. Gladstene then appealed to the

country, but was overwhelmed as a

result, and the Conservatives and

Unionist Liberals won by a large ma-

jority. Mr. Gladstone resigned with-

out meeting parliament, and Lord Sal-

isbury became prime minister for the

paid a second visit to that country in

stone celebrated their golden wedding

on July 25 following, and on the occa-

the world. Three months later, Mr.

In the autumn of 1890 Mr. Gladstone

demanded that Mr. Parnell retire from

based his demand on the grounds that

as Mr. Parnell had been found guilty

of adultery with the wife of Captain

O'Shea, Ireland's interests would be

A memorial fountain was unveiled

in Midlothian. He was elected, but by

the Romanes lectures, choosing "Mediaeval Universities" for his subject,

the second reading of another Home

Rule bill for Ireland in the House of

Commons, but the bill was thrown out

by the lords. During his stay at Biar-

ritz, in February, 1894, a London jour-

nal announced Mr. Gladstone's retire-

ment, but the report was contradicted

in very guarded terms. After his return to England the rumor was re-newed, and in the midst of the uncer-

tainty Mr. Gladstone delivered his last

speech as prime minister in the House of Commons, on the first of March-

the occasion being the lord's amend-

ments to the Parish Councils bill. The

next day his resignation was made

public, and the discovery that the pre-

mier was suffering from cataract in

both eyes was given as the chief cause for such a decisive step. On March 5 Mr. Gladstone, in an audience with the

queen, gave up the seals of office. A

successful operation was performed two months later, by which the catar-

act was removed, and Mr. Gladstone

recovered wonderfully during the en

nes. in the early part of 1895, the octo

genarian statesman made a stirring

suing summer. After a visit to Can-

best served by his retirement.

the views of Mr. Gladstone.

enthusiastic welcome

the leadership of the Irish party, and

second time on August 3.1886, Early

bered by those who were in the house

proved untenable. In a powerfu

be eliminated, including crowded stall room, company quarters and plumbing tees, did the inspecting, the procedure fixtures. It was in this house that one of the permanent men was killed by being kicked by a horse about two

### FRANKLIN'S TIME.

Twenty-one and one-half seconds was the time that Permanent Man John Kime consumed in hitching and getting his hose wagon out unaided. Permanent Man John Lowry, assisted by one man, took the steamer out in seventeen and one-half seconds.

Next in order was the Columbia Chemical and Combination company, on Division street. Floor repairs and some alterations in the cot rooms were noted. Permanent Men George Meyers and Edward Pethrick took their wagon out in 2112 seconds first trial, and 1815 seconds in a second attempt. This is unusually good, inasumch as the team has only been in service a little over two months and the wagon

s very heavy. The Eagle Hose company, No. 5, on Fifth street, was next in line. Ordi-nary repairs were needed, some already having been made. In connection with this company, Patrick Golden, who owns the building they are in, has made an offer of erecting a new build- with the Franchise bill-a bill for exing at the corner of Luzerne street tending household suffrage to the counand Railroad avenue, about 150 feet ties, and thus completing the democrafrom the present building, and in a tising of our constitution. Passed in much more suitable place. He wants the Commons, it was thrown out by a long term lease from the city in re- the Lords, who, under the guidance turn and probable purchase later on. Permanent Man Michael Ruane, assisted by one man, took his team and hose wagon out in 16 seconds. Here Select Councilman Edward James, jr., of the Sixth ward foined the narry

ON THE SOUTH SINE.

From here the inspecting party were taken to the William Connell Hose ompany, No. 9. Little was needed here, other than a new hose wagon. The present one is the old-style sort and has nearly served its time. Permanent Man Sterling Simrell, assisted by one man, made two runs. The first 18 seconds, the second in 16% seconds. This company is blessed with an asphalt floor on the ground level.

Neptune Engine company, No. 2, was next visited. This company is badly in need of a general alteration in the quarters from top to bottom. An appropriation has been made and things will soon be set right. Permanent Man William Fickus left the building with steamer out with the assistance of the hose cart in 22 seconds. Permanent Man Henry Henn took the the party. Lord Hartington and others steamer out in 27 seconds. Another man assisted in each instance, but the The Nay Aug Engine company, on | run here is quite long to get out.

of which the chief is a member, was and lengthy speech, Mr. Gladstone inwidening the building, at least one next to be seen. There was much to troduced his measure of home rule on story, was brought up. The rear wall | see. The only way to benefit this company is to give them a new building. Adequate alterations would be costly, and the city does not own the property. As at the Eagle's quarters, the ceiling is so low that in going out the driver is in danger of accident every Permanent Man Edward Kneller

made two test trials, the first in 23 seconds and the second in 19 seconds. He was assisted by another man, but was hampered by poor stall doors and a long run.

## CHEMICAL COMPANY.

Last, but not least, came the Chemi- in 1888 Mr. Gladstone visited Italy and cal engine, No. 8. Little was required was very warmly received there, He here, many improvements having been made but a few months ago. Per- December and returned to Hawarden manent Men Thomas D. Campbell, in February, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Glad-James George and Lincoln Tillman were free of the building with the engine in 15 seconds on the first trial sion of his eightieth birthday, Decem and clipped off half a second on an- ber, 1889, the venerable statesman reother trial. Last year their record was ceived congratulations from all over 16 seconds.

As a general summing up several Gladstone delivered a beautiful orathings were noted. The quarters were tion, his subject being The Parnell clean and in order. The men were ac- Commission, and it was said by many tive and careful. The points of change to be one of his finest and most elowere very evident. The question of quent efforts. main doors to swing inward or outward received careful attention and the outward swinging door seemed to meet with the most favor. The horses and apparatus were all in excellent shape, The mayor was liberal in his praise at every place visited and gave everything his personal inspection.

Today the North Scranton, Green

Ridge and Petersburg companies will

Chief Hickey received a message last evening informing him that Chief St. John, of the Wilkes-Barre fire de-partment; Samuel Price, president of the city council, and Rober Williams, chairman of the fire department committee of council, will arrive in the city today at 1.30 o'clock to attend the inspections of the hose houses in Green Ridge, Providence and Petersburg. They were to be in the city yesterday but the Odd Fellows' demonstration in their city prevented them. Chief Hickey will have a carriage awaiting the delegation at the Delaare and Hudson station.

After an hour's heated debate it was decided to have a general parade Oct. 19 and the convention then adjourned for the day. Last night the delegates were entertained by the members of

St. Aloysius society of Kingston.
At today's election of officers it is probable that Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Scranton, will be chosen president. Charles H. Lavin is the only one who has been named against him. For secetary, George McLoughlin, the present secretary; J. F. McDonough and harles Canavan, of Scranton, are can-

didates for that office. Among the candidates for national telegate are W. E. McNichols, Scranon; Joseph Finn, Sugar Notch; P. A. O'Neill, Wilkes-Barre; J. J. Costello, Scranton; Michael McGarry, Scranton.

Iron Workers in Session. Cincinnati, May 18 .- The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers has not been in session today and the ommittees are at work but nothing was given out. The scale that had been prepared previously in Pittsburg was re-ceived today. It is understood that no material changes are made but that

some will be proposed and considered.

speech on the Armenian question, at Chester, in August. His long connection with the House of Commons terminated that year, as he did not seek re-election at the general election which took place at that time,

Since that period Mr. Gladstone rare-ly took any part in public affairs, but made some exceptions, when he interested himself in favor of the Armeni-ans. While at Cannes, in March, 1897, he wrote and published a letter to the Duke of Westminster, pleading the cause of Crete and Greece as against Turkey. A stained-glass window was unveiled in Hawarden church in rec-ognition of Mr. Gladstone's efforts in chalf of the oppressed Armenians, and Mrs. Gladstone was presented with a portrait of his holiness Mighriditch L, supreme patriarch of the Armenians

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone left London for Cannes on November 25, 1897, and arrived at the latter place three days later. They remained there for nearly eleven weeks and the homeward trip was begun on the 16th of last Feb ruary, and they reached London on WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE the 19th. He had since been slowly

Although a national funeral will be accepted by the family, there is little doubt that the remains of Mr. Gladstone will be laid to rest in the peaceful graveyard at Hawarden, adjoining the church where he was married more than half a century ago. At Hawarden the happiest portion of his life has been passed, and it is truly a retreat sweet enough for any laborer.

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