

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE FIRE MARSHAL.

His Thirtieth Annual Report to the Mayor—Fires in the City During 1869—Their Number, Location, Cause, and Losses—The Fire Destroyer More Damaging than Ever Before—Great Increase in Incendiarism—The Obstacles Encountered by Fire-Marshal Blackburn.

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First, The adoption of a more perfect and efficient system of police prevention.

Second, The prompt expulsion from the Fire Department of all disorderly and lawless characters.

Third, The thorough examination by competent inspectors of all houses before their occupancy, with constant supervision of the same during the continuance of the policy, and a re-examination at the time of renewal and on every application for increased insurance.

Fourth, The exactness of the condition, in all contracts for indemnification for loss by fire, that a certain proportion of the risk should be borne by the insured.

Fifth, The refusal of every risk the moral character of which would be a source of loss to the insurer.

Sixth, The offer of liberal standing rewards by both the municipal authorities and Boards of Fire Underwriters, for such information as would lead to the detection, arrest, and conviction of incendiaries.

Seventh, The utmost caution and strictest supervision in the issue of policies, and the promptness and perseverance in causing out forfeited recognizances, and the unrelenting prosecution of all returned bail-jesters.

Arrests and Convictions for Arson. The report of the Fire Marshal of New York for 1869, states that there were 913 fires in that city during the year, causing a total loss of \$4,416,402.

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TENTH AND NINETEENTH STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY NOTIFIED.

One or more grass barrels standing in front of Webb's grocery store, S. E. corner of Eighth and Walnut streets. This nuisance has been of long standing, and has been notified, and they were removed, and the nuisance will not be repeated.

A derick pole in the gutter on the west side of Washington Square. Has been there for a month. Owner notified and pole removed.

A door on the sidewalk in the pavement in front of No. 49 North Ninth street, is left partly open at night. The neighborhood is dark and persons are liable to sustain injury. Occupant notified.

A three-foot wide alley, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street, above Pine, is in a shockingly filthy state. Remedied.

A nuisance in shape of a two-wheel truck and a large stump of a tree is at No. 2115 Sansom street, taking up nearly one-half of the street for many months. Owner notified and nuisance removed.

Long blocks of granite at Twenty-second and Chestnut streets, northeast corner, obstructing the highway. They have been there a long time, as well as empty carts remaining outside during the night and Saturdays. All removed.

A street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second and Chestnut and Market streets, is very much out of repair, and has been so for two years or more. Highway Department notified.

Sewer at northwest corner of Eighth and Market streets, has been out of repair for some time. The proper authorities have been notified without effect. Association notified Board of Health and evil remedied.

Walnut street, west of Thirty-ninth, and Walnut street, west of Fortieth, has remained unpaved for some months. No connection made with the culvert or water-pipe. Highway Department notified.

Walnut street, below Sixth, Contractors paving street with ashes. Highway Department notified and gravel supplied.

Walnut and Fifth streets. Decayed tree liable to tumble. Authorities notified.

Alley in rear of Eleventh street, north of Master. Noxious matter gathering for months. Board of Health notified.

Carlton street, above Broad. Filth collected for five years past. Health of residents very poor. Board of Health notified.

The association in now paying particular attention to the various thoroughfares occupied by passenger railway companies. These companies will be properly notified of any defective points along their routes, both between and on either side of the tracks.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS.—Soundings for the Delaware bridge have been commenced. When will the bridge be built?

Senator Connell paid the expenses of a negro, a horse and wagon, at Harrisburg, and issued many orders, and carried to Councilman Barsley, out of a salary of \$1000.

Police-men make a comfortable living by arresting people and then releasing them for a slight consideration.

Mayor Fox, in his annual message, makes no allusion to the police and Fire Alarm Telegraph Department.

Philadelphia was represented in the Legislative Rooster Ring by two of her members. Who were they?

The recent Legislative bill increasing the salary of the Health Officer is denounced by the Board of Health.

Our "would-be" economists are still disposed to depend on Luna for lighting the streets at night.

Detective Cobb has a gallant military record of two weeks' service as captain of the Cobb Guard.

The Pennsylvania Railroad grain depot on the Schuylkill is greatly admired by strangers.

The footways along Master street, in the Twenty-second ward, are in a wretched condition.

The City Storage Utilization Company will commence operations in a few weeks.

The new Park carriages are well received.

STALING LUMBER.—Joseph Foust, Sr., and Joseph Foust, Jr., were arrested at Allegheny avenue wharf last evening, while in the act of stealing lumber valued at \$200, and belonging to the firm of John Kelly & Son.

PIPERING UNDER THE GARB OF RELIGION.—A young man named William B. Hecker called on Mr. S. S. White a few days ago, and represented himself as a converted Jew, and desirous of joining the Trinity Church.

THE NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL.—The naval court-martial in the case of Commander Usher met again this morning, but adjourned immediately after a telegram was received from Commander Usher stating that he would be here to-morrow.

THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.—The committee on Ways and Means will in a day or two take up the Funding bill and act upon it.

THE MCGARRAHAN CASE.—The Judiciary Committee to-day resumed the consideration of the McGarrahan claim, and heard an argument of William M. Everts in behalf of the New Idria Mining Company.

THE FENIANS ACTIVE.—The Fenians are unusually active. Seizures of arms and other material were made by the authorities yesterday at Manchester and New Castle.

CHEESE!

A Number of Families Poisoned.—A Hucklester That Should Be Avoided.—Some time during yesterday a hucklester named James Patton, whilst proceeding along Delaware avenue, was accosted by a merchant, who hired him to haul away and bury some cheese.

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He then proceeded further down the street, and succeeded in selling several pounds of the article to the residents. The purchasers made no objection to the quality of the cheese, and he conceived the idea of selling the dairy produce, reckoning that his receipts would all be placed on the debit side of his personal ledger.

Accordingly he entered a small street in the lower portion of the city named Childs, and commenced disposing of the hitherto unmarketable article at the small price of ten cents per pound. A number of families purchased the cheese and ate freely of it.

In a short time they were attacked with vomiting and purging, and experienced all the symptoms attendant on the disease styled by medical men "cholera morbus."

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TO-DAY'S WASHINGTON NEWS. The Montpensier Celebration.

The Spanish Canard. Chances for the Throne.

Fenian Troubles in London. Guarding Newspaper Offices.

FROM EUROPE BY CABLE. Active of the Fenians.

FROM WASHINGTON. The Funding Bill.

Our Fortifications. The estimates for appropriations for fortifications submitted by the Secretary of War have been cut down one half by the Committee on Appropriations.

The Spanish Canard. The Navy Department has instituted an investigation into the bogus despatch sent from here yesterday relative to a war with Spain.

General Badens. The Maine Senators will propose the confirmation of Adam Badeau as Consul General to London.

The Fenian Excitement. LONDON, April 22.—The members of the Fenian organization have threatened vengeance against the office of the Pall Mall Gazette.

FROM THE DOMINION. The Fenian Excitement.

Naval Orders. Commodore Henry Walker has been detached from command of the Naval Station at Mount City, Illinois.

Army Orders. The following officers of the army, unassigned, are ordered to report to General McDowell.

FROM NEW ENGLAND. Fatal Accident at Providence.

CONGRESS. Senate.

FROM EUROPE. The Fenians Active.

Montpensier's Chances for the Throne.

The Plebiscite. PARIS, April 22.—The members of the party of the Left, who refused to sign the manifesto yesterday, will nevertheless vote against the plebiscite.

FROM NEW ENGLAND. Escape from Jail.

Death of a U. S. Consul. BOSTON, April 22.—Captain James R. Wheeler, United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, died there April 8, of congestion of the brain.

AMUSEMENTS. MRS. JOHN DREWS ARCH STREET THEATRE.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 22. When will be presented, for the season only, Victoria Sardou's remarkable play, entitled "THE EAST FAMILY."

THE SPITALFIELDS WEAVER. BOSTON, April 22.—Arrived, steamship Iowa, from Glasgow.

FINE STATIONERY. ARMS, MONOGRAMS, ILLUMINATING, ETC.

WEDDING AND ENGAGEMENT RINGS. OF SOLID 18-KARAT GOLD, QUALITY WARRANTED.

SHIP NEWS. NEW YORK, April 22.—Arrived, steamship Iowa, from Glasgow.

FROM NEW YORK. FIRE AT SEA.

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