

CITY INTELLIGENCE. CITY POLITICS.

The Democracy.

Getting Ready for the Contest—Their Primary Elections and Nominating Conventions—The Men who Aspire to be their Candidates.

This evening, between the hours of 6 and 8, the annual primary elections of the Democratic party are to be held; and if any good Democrat who desires to see a good ticket nominated has any duty by voting early and often, before he reads this article, let him hurry through with it and get in at least one vote before the closing of the polls.

Under the new rules of the party, which now go into effect for the first time, the people do not vote directly for delegates to the district, city, county, and judicial conventions, but the delegates to these bodies being selected by ward conventions, the delegates to which are elected directly by the people.

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Clerk of Orphans' Court. Joseph McGary is the present incumbent, and has performed the duties of his office satisfactorily. He is a resident of Southward, and served several terms in Common Council. Edmund Keyser, a resident of the Third ward, and James Agnew, of the Second ward, are also candidates.

City Commissioner. General John F. Bullier is the present incumbent. In 1851 he went out as colonel of the 88th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, served faithfully for four years, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war with the rank of brigadier-general. Robert McBride is a resident of the Seventeenth ward. He served during the entire war, and at the close of the Rebellion, came home in command of the 10th Regiment, Colonel Anthony Keyser has participated in the late war and during the Mexican campaign. Albert Lawrence is President of the Board of Education, and was one of the early appointments of Mayor Fox. Captain John W. Barnes is a resident of the Twenty-sixth ward. Stephen G. Spicer is a carpenter, residing in the Twenty-sixth ward. Charles P. Jones, a lawyer, kept, announced himself as "the town's man candidate."

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THE BEDFORD STREET DISTRICT.—The relapsing fever continues to rage without abatement in Bedford street and vicinity, and we again call attention to the necessity for the isolation of some radical measures to check it. Last week fifty-one new cases were admitted into the Municipal Hospital. Of those patients admitted thirty were regarded as cured and two died. There are at present in the Hospital one hundred and fifty-five patients, four-fifths of whom at least are suffering from the relapsing fever.

Rev. Mr. Long, the Bedford Street Missionary, informs us that this morning he made a tour of inspection in the course of which he found that a number of the tenement-houses in Dorsey street—a blind alley running into Spaford street, below Shippen—are entirely unprovided with privies or water. The people inhabiting these miserable abodes pay an enormous rental, and this deprivation of the most convenient conveniences is an outrage of the grossest kind on the part of the landlords. These tenement-houses, it is well known, are the best paying property in the city, and the owners should at least be compelled to provide privies and to put in water for the benefit of their tenants. It cannot be expected that people situated as the inhabitants of these courts are will escape the ravages of the pestilence that is now desolating the whole neighborhood, and there ought to be authority somewhere to compel the landlords to do their duty in the matter.

THE NEW STATION HOUSE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT.—A meeting of the Police Committee of the Council was held this afternoon, and the proposals for the erection of a new station house in the Fifth district opened. The bids, which were for two and three-story buildings, with Mansard roof, were as follows:— C. Carman, 3 story, \$27,625; Henry Phillip, 3 story, 28,000; W. H. Cramer, 3 story, 25,000; C. W. D. Supple & Son, 3 story, 34,000.

The contract was awarded to the latter, for a three-story building, with Mansard roof, at \$25,000. It will be erected on the site of the present station house.

CORONER'S INVESTIGATION.—Coroner Taylor to-day held an inquest in the case of an infant, a member of the Hope Hose Company, who died from injuries received at the explosion on Saturday last of the South Water street building. The explosion of J. P. Butterworth, another member of the Hope Hose, was the effect that witness and deceased were standing on the steps of the building at the time the explosion took place. The explosion apparently took place in the cellar, and the report of which did not sound like fireworks, but similar to that of powder. The deceased, witness and Mr. Ward, of the Hibernia Engine, were violently thrown to the ground, the door was shattered, and a piece of roof witness thinks struck the deceased. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

NEW IRON STEAMSHIP.—The new iron steamship Benefactor, built for the Lorillard Steamship Company, to run between this port and New York, arrived at the company's dock, pier 18, North Wharves, on Saturday morning.

She was built at Chester by the Seneca Iron Works, and is a full-rigged ship, with a large number of the best shipbuilders of this section. Her dimensions are as follows:—Length, 135 feet; beam, 22 feet; depth, 12 feet; draft, 12 feet; capacity of about 12,000 pounds. Her engine is of the most modern and approved pattern, consuming only about five tons of coal in twenty-four hours. She is commanded by Captain W. Pennington, who superintended her construction.

THE BOARD OF SURVEYS.—A special meeting of the Board of Surveys was held this morning to consider the plan of the street lines south of the Navy yard and north of the city. A large number of parties interested were present and gave their views upon the subject. No conclusion had been arrived at as yet. A large number of petitions for sewers were received and referred.

CELTICS CAPTURED.—The dog-catchers during the past week captured 64 unmuzzled dogs, of which 5 were redeemed.

THE ARCADE COURT MARTIAL.—A general order has been published by the War Department dismissing from the service Brevet Major George A. Armes, Captain 10th Cavalry.

He was found guilty of the