

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE CENTRAL PRESBYTERY.

The Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central this Morning - General Business Transacted. The Presbytery of Philadelphia Central met this morning at 10 o'clock in the regular stated meeting, in the First Presbyterian Church of Kensington, on Girard avenue, near Hanover street, Rev. Dr. Musgrave in the chair.

THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Meeting and Organization of the Board of Managers. At 11 o'clock this morning the Board of Managers of the House of Correction, namely, Messrs. A. H. Francis, William F. Smith, Thomas A. Barlow, Samuel Kilpatrick, Samuel Leonard, Samuel C. Willis, John Fry, William A. Duff, Hon. John Robbins, Jr., and William M. Wilson met, in Common Council Chamber for the purpose of organization, as provided for in the ordinance of Council creating the board.

THE EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

The Annual Meeting of the Contributors - Election of Managers and the Annual Report. The twentieth annual meeting of the contributors to the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia was held at noon to-day in the rooms, No. 708 Walnut street.

WE HAD RATHER SELL AT A POSITIVE LOSS

NOW THAN CARRY OVER OUR PRESENT STOCK.

THEREFORE, AS STOCK-TAKING MUST COMMENCE IN A FEW DAYS,

WE WILL PUSH THE GREAT SALE!

A LOOK AT OUR STOCK WILL SHOW THAT THE GOODS NOW OFFERED ARE ALL

OF OUR OWN BEST MAKES, THOUGH THE PRICES ASKED ARE FAR LESS!

Than are Charged for the Most Ordinary Clothing Under Ordinary Circumstances.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FINE READY-MADE CLOTHING

SELLING NOW MARVELLOUSLY LOW AT THE GREAT POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE,

SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS,

WANAMAKER & BROWN'S.

Specimen of Robbery.—Alexander Bracken, suspected of a robbery committed at Twenty-first and Market streets some time back, was arrested yesterday, and this morning held by Alderman Jones in \$800 bail for a further hearing.

HOLIDAY GOODS. WRITING-DESKS, INKSTANDS, POCKET BOOKS, CARD CASES, GOLD PENS, PEN HOLDERS, BOXES OF PAPER AND ENVELOPES, VISITING CARDS, PLAYING CARDS, etc., etc., at very low prices.

Special Announcement For the Holidays. ELEGANT SILVER-PLATED WARE. MEAD & ROBBINS

Invite special attention to their immense stock of SILVER PLATED GOODS, Selected for Holiday sales.

Tea Sets, Triple Plate Hard Metal Silver Soldered, from \$70 per set.

Silver-Plated Ware Suitable for Holiday Presents. EVERY ARTICLE WARRANTED AS REPRESENTED.

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Writing Desks from \$1 to \$25. Paper-mache, Walnut, Mahogany, Leather, Rosewood, etc.

Blue Inkstands, Portfolios, Work Boxes, Fancy Pen-wipers, and Scotch Goods, in great variety.

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MITCHELL & FLETCHER, No. 1204 CHESNUT Street,

Invite examination of their EXTRA FINE STOCK of Raisins, Figs, Oranges, Lemons, Citron, Orange Peel, Lemon Peel, Currants, Lady Apples, Glace Apples, Cherries, Glace Figs, Peas, Bellefont Apples, Sweet Cider, Prunes, English Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, Filberts, etc. etc. etc.

BETHLEHEM BUCKWHEAT MEAL, The Genuine Article, In half and quarter bbls., for sale by

JAMES R. WEBB, 8 E. Corner WALNUT and EIGHTH, 12 3 IMPR PHILADELPHIA.

CHOICE ALMERIA GRAPES IN LARGE CLUSTERS. NEW LAYER RAISINS, in boxes, half boxes, and quarters. NEW PAPER-SHELL ALMONDS. NEW GREENABLE WALNUTS. NEW SULTANA RAISINS. NEW SEEDLESS RAISINS AND CURRANTS, CITRUS, AND LEMON-PEEL. NEW YORK STATE CLARIFIED SWEET CIDER, very superior, for Minors Meal. CHOICE BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE. FINE OLD BRANDIES. FINE OLD SHERRY and MADEIRA WINES. Superior Sherry Wine for Cooking Purposes.

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UNDER THE HAMMER.

Properties Sold by the Sheriff Yesterday. Yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the old Quarter Sessions Court-room, corner of Sixth and Chesnut streets, Sheriff Leeds sold a long list of properties at auction. The following are the most important, with the prices brought:

Two-story brick house and lot, north side of Third street, 25 feet front, 10 feet deep, \$1,200.

Three-story brick house and lot, north side of Third street, 25 feet front, 10 feet deep, \$1,500.

Two-story brick house and lot, north side of Third street, 25 feet front, 10 feet deep, \$1,000.

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THE FIRE COMMISSION.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Paid Fire Department - Elected Permanent President - Drawing New Terms of Office.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the city of Philadelphia met for the first time for organization at 10 o'clock this morning, in the room of the Police Committee, at Fifth and Chesnut streets.

On motion, Joseph R. Lyall occupied the chair temporarily, and John G. Butler acted as Secretary.

Mayor Fox at this moment appeared, and tendered his office to the meeting of the board.

His Honor suggested that the board create the paid Fire Department requires the drawing of the board to be open to the public, and that the preliminary meeting will have a powerful effect on the ultimate success of the operations of the new department.

The members coincided with the views expressed by the Mayor, and the board retired for private consultation previous to the meeting in the Mayor's office.

At 11 o'clock the board reassembled. The same officers presided.

Mr. Plumly nominated Mr. Jacob Loudenslager as permanent President of the board.

Mr. Loudenslager was unanimously elected, and on taking the chair thanked the board for this evidence of its favor in choosing him as its presiding officer.

He fully appreciated the duties required of the directing officer of the new department, and he concluded a rife and almost military discipline in the management of such an important department of this city.

The members then proceeded to draw for their terms of office.

Messrs. Lyndall, Plumly, and Lawrence, it was found, were the officers for the short term, viz., two years. The term of office of the remaining members of the board is four years.

Several communications were received, but on motion, they were laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Lawrence offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and is hereby instructed to report forthwith to the commission the present available force of the Fire Department and the condition of the same.

Mr. McCully offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed from this commission to advise the board in respect to proposals for the lease and purchase of apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and also for membership of the department.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McCully, Butler, and Porter to constitute the committee, after which the board adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A TESTIMONIAL.—The members of "The Vocal Union," one of the best of our amateur singing societies, presented their leader, Mr. William Wolselifer, last evening, with a handsome gold watch, as a token of their appreciation of his services to the society, and to the cause of good music. The presentation took place at the rooms of "The Vocal Union," No. 1076 Market street, and was made by Mr. G. B. Hillard, President of the society. It was a pleasant occasion for those who had the good fortune to be present.

THE SHELTER OF POVERTY.—Forty-seven hundred homeless human beings have been granted lodgings in the Third District Station House during the month of December, an average of over 150 per night. The amount of misery these figures exhibit is frightful to contemplate. Black and white, the banner, the starless loneliest poor man and woman, and the little children have no better refuge from the bitter winter air than the cellar of a station house, where warm alone is their reward, as rest, huddled and comfortless, is unknown.

DISORDERLY HOUSE.—A party of blacks and whites, outraging decency by each sex being clad in the dress of the other, organized a pandemonium last night at No. 710 Minster street. The police made a descent upon the house, and men and women (if those creatures can be called men whose offense it is a crime to name) were arrested and taken before Alderman Morrow, who held the whole party to keep the peace.

ASSIGNMENT IN BANKRUPTCY.—Ezra Bortollet, Esq., No. 430 Walnut street, has been appointed assignee, by the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, of the Philadelphia Brick Machine Company, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, a corporation within said district, which has been adjudged a bankrupt upon the creditor's petition by the District Court of said district.

ACCIDENTS.—Mrs. Loudenslager yesterday fell on the ice at Canton and Buttonwood streets and broke her leg.

Joseph Hill, a lad residing at No. 520 N. Third street, from the same cause fell at Third and Green streets, and also broke a leg.

SNEAK THIEF.—George Wilson was arrested last evening at Eighth and Market streets for having helped himself to a pair of boots from the front of a store in that vicinity without the consent of the owner.

FATHER DUNN.

Anniversary of his D. in Solemn Services at St. John's Church.

This morning St. John's Catholic Church, on Thirteenth street, above Chesnut, was filled by a large congregation, assembled on the occasion of the anniversary services for the repose of the soul of the late John P. Dunn, former pastor of the church, and the most eloquent divine, probably, ever attached to the Diocese of Philadelphia.

The 25th of December was the anniversary of his death, and the services would have taken place on that day but for a rule of the Catholic Church prohibiting requiem masses from being celebrated within the octave of the Nativity, excepting where the body is actually present.

The entire altar and sanctuary of St. John's were shrouded in deep mourning, and in the middle aisle was a shrouded coffin, having around it many burning tapers. No office for the dead was read, but the services commenced at 10 o'clock by the celebration of a Solemn Mass of Requiem by Rev. P. R. O'Reilly, the successor of Father Dunn in the pastorate at St. John's.

It was assisted by Rev. John Fitzmaurice, pastor of St. Agatha's Church, West Philadelphia, as Deacon; Rev. M. Hennessy, of St. Theresa's, Sub-deacon; and Rev. James J. Fitzmaurice, of St. John's, Master of Ceremonies.

A grand requiem was sung after the Mass under the direction of Thomas E. Harkins, and in addition the "Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi," from the Messe Solenne of Rossini, was given with fine effect by Miss Kate Elishon, soprano, and Madame Rafferty, contralto. Mr. W. A. Conroy, of the organ, and the service was very solemn and impressive.

There were quite a number of clergymen in the sanctuary, amongst them being Very Rev. M. A. Walsh, V. G., of St. Michael's, Rev. Nicholas Cutwell, of St. Philip's, Rev. F. Maher, of Norristown, Rev. John Kelly, of St. Malachy's, Rev. Hugh Lane, of St. Teresa's, Rev. Richard Kinahan, of Conshohocken, Rev. Thomas Kieran, of St. Anne's, Rev. William Quinn, of the Annunciation, and others.

An sermon was preached on the occasion, the exhortation consisting simply of the Solemn Requiem Mass, and the friends of the deceased were present in large numbers, and though he is dead, his memory still lives fresh.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOLDERS OF CITY LOANS.—A NEEDED REFORM.—The holders of certificates of city loans of \$100,000 each, were compelled to wait from two to three weeks after the first of the year before their certificates were ready for delivery. City Controller Hancock has signed all that have been transferred during the month of December, and they are now ready for delivery. This dispatch is not only gratifying to the holders of the loans, but creditable to the business energy of the Controller.

THEFT OF A SHAWL.—George W. Smith and John Gallagher were yesterday arrested for an assault and battery committed near Seventh and Bainbridge streets, and stealing a shawl from a shop in that delectable vicinity. They were committed this morning by Alderman Collins in default of \$500 bail each to answer.

A COUSINANCE BEAUTIFIED.—James Belen, a German, coming in contact with James Carr, of pugnaconic proclivities, at No. 1637 Amberg street, last evening, was partially punished by having his nose smashed by Carr. Alderman Massey for this outrage upon the Teuton, held the offender to bail.

ORGANIZED.—The Board of Directors of the Ninth School Section met last evening for organization, and elected by acclamation the following officers:—President, Colonel Sam B. Wylie Mitchell, M. D.; Secretary, James Freeborn, Esq.

CLOSE OF THE GERMAN FAIR.—The German Fair closed last night, after having achieved a perfect success. We are gratified to inform our readers that over \$25,000 has been netted by this noble charity.

SOUP SOCIETIES.—The Spring Garden Soup Society commenced the distribution of soup to the poor this morning at 10 1/2 o'clock.

The Kensington Soup House, No. 1036 Crease street, also opened this morning for the distribution of soup.

TERRIBLE FALL.—John Haley, a workman in the employ of the Messrs. Lennig, at Bridesburg, yesterday, while engaged in repairing the roof of one of their buildings, fell a distance of fifty feet, breaking his shoulder-blade and otherwise, injuring himself seriously.

STORE ROBBERY.—The cigar store of Fisher & Bruce, No. 40 South Seventh street, was entered last night by breaking the glass in the door—the alder having been left off—and cigars stolen to the value of \$90.

DEATH OF A POLICEMAN.—Officer James Collogue, a worthy and efficient officer, died this morning, after a long and painful illness, at his residence, Front and 17 1/2 streets.

FAST DRIVING.—George Kenworthy and John Kelly were arrested yesterday at Manayunk for reckless driving and held in \$300 by Alderman Dean.