MACFARLAND FLAG AWARDED TRUCK C

by the Commissioner Makes Report.

INSPECTION WAS IN DETAIL

Apparatus and Fire Houses, Appearance of Men, and Conduct Records-Newspaper Men as Judges.

The special committee appointed by Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland to Fire Department submitted its report yesterday. This committee was appointert T. Small, and J. Clinton Ransom, the representatives of the Washington daily have to run over the granolithic floors papers at the District Building.

The committee states that it endeavored to be and believes it is wholly just authorized to examine each company in to name the company which in its judgment should receive the Macfarland trophy flag for the coming year. The joint report of the members of the committee upon their decision follows:

"As we have stated to you under separate cover, we believe truck C company, located at Fourteenth Street and Objo Avenue and under command of Foreman W. A. Dixon, entitled to the distinction of being awarded the Macfarland flag for general excellence. The appearance of this company's quarters, the condition of the horses and apparamen, together with a remarkably quick hitch-up and a clear record as to misconduct cases combined to make this in our judgment the premier organization of the department this year.

Demerit Marks Fatal.

"This decision was not reached, how the performance and general condition ordered. of chemical engine company No. 2, at Brightwood, commanded by Foreman John Sherman, so impressed your committee it was hard to displant that company in our favor. Engine companies engine and reel organizations, but both of these companies had to be thrown out of our calculations because of the three or four misconduct cases reported through headquarters in each. If it had not been for the one demerit resting against the Brightwood company the race between it and truck C would have indeed been difficult to decide. Later in our report we detail something of the

ten points; appearance of men, ten points; horses and stalls, ten points; appearance of apparatus and harness, ten points; hitch-up, ten points, and We believed that conduct, ten points. each case of misconduct reported by various companies since the last inspection should justly constitute a point off for that company. In taking this view we believed the discipline of the men was as important a matter to consider as any of the other elements of the

Examined House Conditions.

"in the course of the inspection at each house we first visited the sleeping rooms, and then inspected the horses, and looked to the condition of the stalls. The cellars, pits, coal-bins, alleyways, and back yards came in for a due share of attention. Before the bells were tapped for the hitch-up and a satisfactory bond. drill in each instance the men were sent to their dormitories by the foremen. We timed the performance from the first stroke of the gong until the last man had mounted the apparatus in his prop-

"As the men were called to attention following this we inspected their clothing, and formed a good estimate of their general ideas of neatness. An absence of buttons on vests or coats and considerable dust were the great-est faults found with many of the men of the department, but when these were not in unpardonable excess they were not in unpardonable excess they were overlooked. The cellars of the houses the amount of curbstone, approximately the amount of curbstone, approximately ceptionally good condition, well kept, and in most cases neatly whitewashed.

The Commissioners have directed that ceived which have evidently been prepared without regard to the mandatory requirements of the law, and are simply 'pro forma' in the hope of securing a partment up to noon yesterday: Frances R. Hagner, 88 years.

We began the tour of inspection Wed- be deducted. morning, September 17, in a locomobile, kindly loaned by Mr. A. L. Cline, manager of the Washington branch of in the Water Department at \$480 per the Locomobile Company, who for a annum, the appointment to take effect greater part of the first day accomthe committee on its rounds. Twelve houses were inspected the first day, and at all of these your committee of Insurance, has requested the Commissioners to procure from the Corposition (Coursel on online). F company, chemical engine company company No. 1, truck B company, engine mpany No. 5, truck E company, truck

Visited the New Companies.

pany, engine company No. 3: and engine company No. 4. After visting the Anacostia company, your committee continued on to Congress Heights and inspected the magnificent new truck and engine in the Supreme Court of the District ase in course of construction there. We found the work progressing finely, \$1,000 claimed as damage to the prop-

Special Committee Named seems to have been well chosen. The character of the work, generally speaking, is excellent, and the engine house will be a model of modern times.

"On Friday, the 19th instant, the third day of the inspection, we visited and inspected engine company No. 14. Then followed chemical engine No. 1, engine company No. 2, and truck company C. On Saturday morning the committee visited and inspected chemical engine company No. 3 at Tenley-town. Returning from this house to the city, the hand chemical engine lo-Thorough Examination of Condition of cated in a small building in Cleveland Park was also inspected, and found to be in good order

Stables Were Good.

"In every company the horses and apparatus were found to be in excellent condition. Many new horses were reported in the stalls. In the repair shop engine No. 4 was being overhauled. conduct the annual inspection of the The training stables, adjoining engine company No. 8, were found in good The tan-bark exercising ed on the recommendation of the Chief floor is not believed to be as useful as Engineer of the Fire Department, and a cement floor might be. Horses bro-consisted of Messrs E. B. Wilkins, Robconsisted of Messrs, E. B. Wilkins, Rob- ken for fire work on this soft floor

"In every company but two the absence of the full complement of men was most noticeable. The foremen exand impartial in its decision. It was plained that some of their men were at luncheon, some were enjoying their regthe department and from its inspection ular 'day off,' and others were ill.
to name the company which in its judg. Many of the houses we found in need of minor repairs. Two were being re-paired, renovated, and painted during

he inspection." The committee adds details of the inspection at each fire house in the Dis-trict, and concludes the report as fol-

New Buildings Needed.

"Your committee begs leave to suggest that the time has come when it is necessary to rebuild several of the older houses of the department, some of which have been in use now for more than thirty years, and which are entirely inadequate and unsuited to the needs of a modern fire company. Contions for the rebuilding of such houses as engine companies Nos. 1, 4, 6, and 7 are now quartered in. In some of these there is absolutely not room for the apparatus. In the case of No. 6, for instance, the authorities must within a short time cut off much of the stall room in order to make way for one of ever, with any great degree of ease, for the big, modern fire engines recently ordered. The location of No. 4 engine company should be changed. At present the house faces a parrow street

way directly on the railroad tracks. "In conclusion the committee desired to state that it found the department as a whole in a high state of efficiency pany in our favor. Engine companies The hitch-ups, as stated, were made Nos. 2 and 6, commanded by Foreman J. with men starting from the dormito-Carrington and W. F. Lanahan, respectively, made the better showings of the as those met with on a midnight alarm. Considering this fact, the time was very fast, indeed, and it is such fast time as the companies made that adds so great-ly to the effectiveness of a fire fighting

MINOR MUNICIPAL

The time for completing of contract with Mr. James W. Hendley for heating "In the inspection of the companies we decided upon a perfect standard of sixty points. These points were divid- has been extended until October 1, owing discretion in making the assessments time. ed as follows: House and dormitories, to unavoidable delay in the delivery of the material needed to make the repairs.

> The Engineer Commissioner has requested that the Washington Steamboat made for an increase of about two mil-Company be required to submit an offer lion dollars over the last year's revefor the lease of the wharf frontage and nues, one-half of which, it was esti property now occupied by them, between mated, could be realized from the real M and N Streets southwest.

attorney of Mr. J. W. Pilling that no application for a permit to establish a coal and wood yard in the vicinity of thereto will be given due consideration.

Master Plumbers' licenses have been issued by the Commissioners to W. H. adjustment on the basis of the manda-Amiss, Albert E. Anderson, and Alfred Gawthrop, to be good upon the fling of tory minimum of what this law re-

The Commissioners have approved applications for the following permits for projections beyond the building line, and pear, also possible errors of judgment have forwarded the same to the Secre. in the estimate of what is the present tary of War: N. L. Fitzhugh, George 'true value' of the property, Frost, Emma M. Gordon, H. R. Howe 'These errors and inequalities stine and P. G. Clark & Co.

P. J. Maloney, who declined said ap-pointment. The appointment of Mr. ment that is found to be in excess of Huhn is to take effect September 17.

and in most cases nearly whitewashed. Granite Quarry be purchased in the open market, and that whatever money may be due under said contract be held back times as to the "true value" of securing a reduction of the assessment without giving any reasons therefor or any estimate as to the "true value" of the exception, were clean and attractive in until such time as the purchase is completed, when the actual excess cost shall

H. C. Lewis has been appointed driver

proportion of its risks located in the A. Fitzgerald, and Rose M. Marceron. 2, at Brightwood; engine company District in a company that is not li-7, engine company No. 9, engine censed to do business in the District.

On the request of Huldah W. Black-D company, engine company No. 12, and ford, secretary to the board of trustees chemical company No. 4, at Brookland. of the Industrial Home School, the Comaissioners have authorized the appoint ment of Mrs. B. B. McCaslin as house-"The second day your committee first inspected engine company No. 6, then en-Adelaide Davis as housekeeper from gine company No. 10, engine company September 1; also the appointment of No. 8 and training stables, engine com-pany No. 15, at Anacostia; truck A com. September 1, vice Edna Wilson, re-

Sues for Value of Well

Henry Gathgens yesterday filed suit against Thomas Fitzpatrick to recover the walls being up to the second floor. The appearance of the house promises to be all that was claimed for it. The brick, concerning which there was some discussion a short while ago, gives a remarkably arretty and settled to such an extent that the Health brick, concerning which there was some discussion a short while ago, gives a remarkably arretty and settled to such an extent that the Health brick, concerning which there was some discussion a short while ago, gives a remarkably arretty and settled to such as coursel for the plaintiff. markably pretty and soft effect, and as counsel for the plaintiff.

IMPORTANT RULING IN TAX ARREARAGE CASE

Tax Deed Extinguisher Decision Still Effective.

Not Change Conditions-A Case in Which Liens Were Wiped Out.

The Corporation Counsel, Mr. A. B. Duvall, has returned to the District Commissioners the communication of J. Harrison Johnson & Son relative to the tax sale of certain property owned by them. It appears that on February 9 1891, a tax deed was issued to J. Harrison Johnson for a certain lot. At the date of the tax sale on which the deed was issued there were unpaid taxes assessed against the lot for 1880 to 1885, inclusive, and the property had been bid

in by the District therefor. Mr. Duvall says the Supreme Court of the District, in Brewer against the have to be invariably coached again tinguish the antecedent taxes, and that once they are in the regular houses, and the District could not hold the property liable therefor

Deed Wipes Out Liens.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1 1902, entitled 'An act in relation to taxes and tax sales in the District of Columbia," authorizing the sale at private sale of property bid in by the District, Mr. J. lot is subject to sale under this act of

"In view of the above mentioned deopinion that no sale of said lot can be made on account of any taxes which were unpaid prior to the date of the tax sale upon which the tax deed was is-

CHAIRMAN DARNEILLE TALKS OF ASSESSMENT MAXIMUM DATE LAST YEAR. 72

Says People Do Not Understand the Situation.

Admits That Errors Will Occur in the Increase Made and Invites Corrections.

lew, which is now receiving protests against the recent triennial assessment of real estate in the District, is very busy listening to such objections against the lists, especially in the suburban sections.

Mr. H. H. Darneille, chairman of the board, said yesterday:

"There appears to be a serious misapprehension in the minds of the tax-MATTERS OF INTEREST payers regarding the pending assessment of real estate. Under the law of August 14, 1894, the assistant assessors were not obligated to any specific asas low as possible in order to reach the required necessities of Congressional appropriations.

"During the past winter a demand was estate. That meant an actual increase of about sixty-eight million dollars over The Commissioners will inform the and above the last assessed valuations

Errors May Creep In.

"All protests and appeals were over ruled and the law of July 1, 1902, makes 712 L Street northeast has been filed with the Commissioners, and that if such application is made, his objections ments thereon shall be assessed at not less than two-thirds of the true valu-

"We have tried to reach an equitable quires. The extension of time given for the revision was entirely too short to accomplish satisfactory

equalization and review I assure the Bert M. Ruhn has been appointed public that we are extremely anxious watchman in the Fire Department vice to receive any reliable information that

> the two-thirds basis. timate as to the 'true value' of the property."

Will of Mary M. Brannan.

The will of Mary M. Brannan, dated March 4, 1898, was filed vesterday for probate. The Washington Loan and Trust Company, which is named as executor, Thomas E. Drake, the Superintendent is directed to divide the estate of the testatrix into seven equal parts. Two the men just as they are from day to ration Counsel an opinion whether an Leo R. Fitzgerald, and the remaining thares are to be given to her grandson, day. The following houses were visited insurance company licensed to do busi-that day: Engine company No. 11, truck less in the District can re-insure any Maloney, John P., Francis M., Clement By her will dated, October 29, 1892, also filed for probate, Emily White Casey leaves her entire estate to her husband Charles Clark Casey, who is

Home From Fire Chiefs' Convention.

Chief Engineer Putton and Senior Assistant Chief Engineer Belt of the District Fire Department have returned from New York, where they attended the national convention of fire chiefs in that city last week. He reports that the meeting was largely attended, and that great interest attached to the proceed-The next convention will be in Atlantic City, probably in the month of August of next year.

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JUSTICE BARNARD WILL LISTEN TO PLEAS TODAY

Persons Indicted Since the Beginning of Summer Recess to Be Arraigned This Morning.

Many of the persons indicted by the grand jury since the beginning of the summer recess will be called before Law of 1902, Mr. Duvall Holds, Does Justice Barnard this morning in Criminal Temporary Improvements, However charges against them. Among those who will be arraigned are Mrs. Helene Stern, who is under indictment for murder. The specific charge against the accused is that she caused the death of one Bessie Feldman, by an unprofes-

sional operation in April last. Harriet Douglass, who is under indictment on a similar charge, will be arraigned also. She is held responsible for the death of May Stewart on June

Others who will be arraigned and the offenses with which they are charged board in United States postal laws, sending ob-scene matter through the mails; William H. Adams, forgery; James E. Russell, assault with a dangerous weapon; Richard J. Marshall, false pretenses; Mitchell Poliner, violation of the law of the age of consent; John D. Creney, false pretenses and forgery; Durant Shackelford, libel; Harry Huddleston, forgery; John R. Russell, violation of the United States postal laws; William F. Stewart, violation of the oleomargarine law; Frederick E. Schlatter, as sault with a dangerous weapon, and Howard Foreman, embezzlement.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair today; increasing cloudiness tonorrow, possibly showers; light to fresh winds, mostly northerly.

TEMPERATURE.

THE SUN AND THE MOON.
Sun rises...5:49 a.m. | Sun sets.5:57 p.m.
Moon rises.10:21 p.m. | Moon sets

STREET LIGHTING.

AMUSEMENTS.

National Theater-"The Defender, Columbia Theater-"Liberty Belles." Lafayette Opera House-"Zaza," af-

ernoon and evening. Chase's Theater-Polite Vaudeville, offernoon and evening. Academy of Music-"The Bandit King," afternoon and evening. Empire Theater-Musical comedy, afternoon and evening.

EXCURSIONS. Norfolk and Washington line for Fort Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m. Chesapeake Beach—See schedule un-

Kernan's-Burlesque, afternoon and

der "Railroads and Steamboats" for Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteen-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour;

Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

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		Max.	Min.	8 p.m.	fall.
1	Atlantic City	70	66	66	.56
	Atlanta, Ga	80	68	76	
e	Bismarck, N. D	74	30	68	
r	Boston, Mass	62	58	60	
	Buffalo, N. Y	82	66	72	
	Chicago		64	72	
	Cincinnati	84	60	78	
-	Cheyenne, Wyo	60	40	56	.16
8	Davenport, Iowa	76	64	72	T.
	Denver, Col		42	58	.48
	Des Moines, Iowa	70	62	66	.36
	Galveston, Tex	86	80	82	***
2	Helena, Mon	74	44	70	***
8	Indianapolis, Ind	80	64	74	
e	Jacksonville, Fla	82	68	76	1000
	Kansas City, Mo		64	70	1.02
	Little Rock, Ark	82	68	70	.26
	Marquette, Mich	60	52	54	7.22
Г	Memphis, Tenn	84	70	80	T.
1	New Orleans, La		74	78	1.12
N	New York, N. Y		64	68	.02
	North Platte, Neb	54	50	52	.08
	Omaha, Neb		64	66	T.
1	Pittsburg, Pa		64	76	T:
0	Salt Lake City. Utah		48	68	

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

St. Paul, Minn 66

Vicksburg, Miss.... 88

The following deaths for forty-eight

hours were reported at the Health De Frances R. Hagner, 88 years. Ellen Brennan, 75 years. Mary J. Powell, 77 years. John Kennedy, 68 years.

William M. Mew, 66 years. William H. Day, 62 years. Anna A. Williams, 61 years. Joseph E. Rockwell, 60 years, Maggie Randolph, 40 years. Edward W. Duval, 36 years. Charles S. Wood, 28 years. Edna E. Fowler, 25 years. Mary F. Upton, 23 years. Francis Somorville, 21 years. Florence Hyde, 21 years. Raymond Williams, 11 years. Douglass M. Brown, 7 years. James Gray, 2 years. Helen Addison, 9 months. Johanna Gabriel, 5 months. John H. Smith, 11 days. Josephine Birkle, 1 day.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

William Baine and Ernestine Ford, Charles T. Carter and Arabella F. Daniel Dangerfield and Dora Anderson. Paul G. Emig and Sarah Gilliard. 101 Charles W. H. Diggs and Mattie L. E.

Albert L. Brent and Rebecca Proffitt. William Brown and Lottie E. McGee. Alfred C. Smith and Caroline Richardon, both of Arlington, Va. Charles H. Williams and Bertha M. Alexandria. Charles A. Norris and Lillian M.

Holstend.

Emory Y. Simmons and Mary J. Rol-George M. Green and Bertha Till-

BROAD STREETS MUST HAVE 15-FOOT WALKS

Commissioners Will Permit of No Exceptions.

May Be Made-Decision in North Capitol Street Case.

The District Commissioners, through he recommendation of the Engineer Department, have notified Mr. Andrew O. Nash, of 1144 North Capitol Street, that their policy with reference to that street is to have a sidewalk fifteen feet in width, in conformity with the exist-

The matter of the width of the sidewalk was brought to the attention of the are: Charles A. Hayman, violation of Nash last Friday. He objected to the the pension law; George R. Gaines and continuation of the wide sidewalk on Charles T. Grines, perjury; Samuel the unimproved portions of North Capi-Johnson, assault with a dangerous tol Street because of the great expense weapon; Samuel H. Bassett, violation of limits of the present improvements. Mr. incurred in grading, etc., beyond the Nash thought so wide a sidewalk was

unnecessary at the present time. Colonel Biddle in presenting reports upon the subject from his department recommends that Mr. Nash be informed that the policy of the Commisioners to Durant require, a sidewalk of fifteen feet in width on streets 130 feet wide cannot well be changed, as it has been in vogue for several years, and is uniform throughout the city,

Permit Temporary Walks.

Inasmuch, however, as a great part of this street is now, and will be for many years, used for residence purposes, Colonel Biddle suggests that it is not the present policy of the authorities to require a sidewalk of the width named to be put down at once, but that no substantial constructions will be allowed beyond the fifteen-foot line. Colonel Biddle suggests that terraces

steps, and permanent constructions shall be within those limits, but structures that can be readlly removed, such as fences, may be placed within the twelve-foot line from the curb. In this way he says, the sidewalk can be widened when it becomes necessary, without great expense to the owners of the abutting property.

This view of the situation has been

accepted by the Board of Commissioners and will go on record for the guidance of the Engineer Department. Dramatic Club Dance.

The Linthicum Dramatic Club will give its first dance of the season on the evening of October 4 at Linthicum Hall, 3116 O Street northwest

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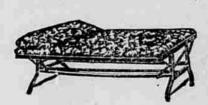
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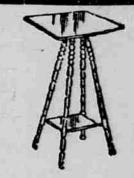
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