

American Fire News.

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MONTGOMERY, Alabama, has recently put in a fire alarm telegraph.

The citizens of Elkhart, Ind., boast of a first-class volunteer department.

The number of fire alarms in Boston last year were 561, with a loss of \$310,486.

The total number of uniformed men in the New York Fire Department is 721.

BROCKTON, Mass., has appropriated \$150,000 for an improved system of water supply.

The pay roll of the Cleveland, O., Fire Department for 1879 amounted to \$9,373.81.

H. J. DRAKE has been elected Chief Engineer of the Coldwater, Mich., Fire Department.

SEVERAL firemen were severely hurt at a fire at the Opera House, Sherman, Texas, recently.

CHIEF NEVINS, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is having the Scott Lightning Hitch placed upon his fire buggy.

The Friendship Fire Company, of Chambersburg, Pa., have completed their first one hundred years as an organization.

The Bennett medal, for bravery in saving life, has been presented to Foreman Meagher, of Truck 3, New York City.

MORSE's improved triple attachment for hose pipes, has been purchased by the Boston Fire Commissioners for use in that Department.

SUPERINTENDENT KENNEDY, of the Boston Fire Alarm Telegraph, has been removed from office and Engineer Flanders appointed as his successor.

AT AN auction sale of old fire material in New York recently, an old tawny bell brought \$849; an old buggy wagon, \$9; and an old two-wheeled horse jumper, \$8.

THERE are 270 members in the Boston Veteran Firemen's Association. The annual banquet of the Association occurs at the Parker House, Boston, on March 10.

FOREMAN Treworgy, of Hose 1, Minneapolis, Minn., was badly injured by the upsetting of the cart while en route to a fire recently. He will be laid up for some time.

CHARLES DITM, Second Assistant Engineer of the Albion, N. Y., Fire Department, was the recipient of a handsome gold fire badge from Steamer Company No. 2, of that town, recently.

CATABACT Hose Company, of WARREN, N. Y., presented their foreman, Mr. George E. Jennings, with an elegant gold badge recently. A banquet and a jolly good time followed the presentation.

The Robinson Hook and Ladder Company, of Canton, Ohio, recently presented Mr. J. B. Robinson, of Toronto, with a gold-headed cane. The cane is a beauty, appropriately engraved, and is a speaking tribute of the esteem in which Mr. Robinson is held by the Hooks of his name in Canton.

TWENTY-NINE steamers, twelve hose-carriages, eight hook and ladder trucks, two chemical engines, one aerial ladder and several supply wagons were in service at the last big blaze in Boston.

CHIEF ENGINEER John A. Bennett, of Cleveland, Ohio, reports that during the year 1879, his Department attended 296 fires, total loss, \$166,635 96, on which there was an insurance of \$435,281.

THE Boston Fire Commissioners contemplate introducing swinging harness into that Department, and are now making arrangements with Assistant Chief Joseph Speddy, of Cleveland, Ohio, to give his device a trial.

FIREMAN Thomas C. Kennedy, of Engine Co. No. 36, New York City, was an elegant silver trumpet at St. Paul's Church fair, recently. Tom is a good fireman, and very popular among his friends in New York, and elsewhere.

THE fire ladders of Lincoln Hose, Gold Hill, Nevada, have moved their "mashers" into the old Methodist Church building. "Salvation from fire," is the standing text of the discourse indulged in nightly by the "bushers."

JACK HORTON, driver of Hose 2, Minneapolis, Minn., was painfully injured while on the way to a fire recently. The cart struck the car track, and all hands were thrown off. Horton was dragged under the wheels, and the cords and muscles of one arm were nearly cut off.

CHARLES A. PARSONS, Chief of the First, Fire Department, was presented with a mammoth cigar by Messrs. C. G. Carleton & Co., of Chicago, recently. The "wood" was 84 inches in length, and it is said that nearly all the boys in the department had a "whiff" of it.

A LADY, a regular shopper, who made an unfortunate clerk tumble over all the stockings in the store, objecting that some of them were long enough. "I want," she said, "the longest hose that are made." "Then, madam," replied the clerk, "you had better apply at the nearest engine house."

THE widow of the late J. L. Hughes, of Hook & Ladder No. 13, New York City, has received from the Fireman's Insurance Fund the sum of \$1000. Her name has been placed on the pension roll for \$300 per annum so long as she remains single, the rules providing that any such pension terminates when a widow dies or remarries.

THE Syracuse Fire Commissioners have adopted a newly perfected scheme of instructing the firemen of that department in the general plans of the principal blocks and buildings in that city. This mode of instruction is in vogue in New York City, and is found to be of very great advantage in familiarizing the men with the general arrangement of rooms, halls and hoist ways. It should be universally adopted, as both life and limb are in danger when firemen have to go into a building blindly.

MR. E. A. JAQUITH, of the Protective, Rochester, N. Y., celebrated the 20th anniversary of his connection with that company at his house recently. During the evening he was surprised by a delegation from his company, who presented him with a magnificent secretary, and a handsome frame containing the photographs of the "bushers" of 1879.

CAPTAIN DEERING, of the Boston Fire Patrol, came near losing six men at the big fire in that city recently. They were in the basement of a building, engaged in covering up goods, when the upper floors gave way. They sprang for the doors and narrowly escaped with their lives. Captain Deering lost ninety tarpsauls, worth \$35 each, six lanterns, an axe and two extinguishers.

THE idea of pensioning firemen when they become disabled in service, is a good one, and we are pleased to note the fact that the Boston Fire Commissioners are taking steps to put the scheme into effect in that city. No class of men deserve more and receive less for their services than firemen, and it is high time that something of a nature that will guarantee them support in case of disaster, should be legislated upon.

THREE members of Engine Company No. 2, of Memphis, Tenn., were buried beneath a falling wall while in the performance of their duty at a fire on the 4th ult. Their names were P. Meath, A. Leonard and W. McCall. They were warned of their impending danger, but fearlessly stuck to their posts, and met their fate bravely. Messrs. Meath and Leonard were killed outright, but when the hot bricks and burning timbers were removed from the spot where Mr. McCall was imprisoned he was found alive, though suffering from a broken skull, ribs and internal injuries. Although in a precarious state he is expected to recover. The funeral of the other two victims occurred on the 7th, and was attended by an immense concourse of people. The fire department turned out in force. The draped trumpets and other insignia of mourning, and the solemn dirges of the band gave the funeral cortege a very impressive effect. About \$5,000 has been raised by subscription for the benefit of the families of the victims of this terrible accident.

PAUL BAUER, of Hook and Ladder 4, New York City, performed a brave and daring act in rescuing a lady named Avilla Stafford from a burning building recently. The woman was in a third story window, and all avenues of escape were cut off, as the hall and stairway were in a burning condition. The longest ladder available was about four feet too short to reach the window, and the woman's life seemed lost. Finally Bauer hit upon a plan, and collecting a crowd of citizens, the ladder was placed upon their shoulders, and he nimbly sprang up, and securing the imperiled woman, brought her in safety to the pavement. The ladder was only 34 inches broad by 18 inches thick at the base of the stiles, and tapered up to a very slender and rickety affair. Bauer weighed 172 pounds, and the lady 160 pounds, so the fall danger of this daring feat can be realized. For this noble act of heroism the name of Paul Bauer rests upon the role of honor of the New York Fire Department.