

KEYSTONE FIRE.

The Western Assurance Company is to take over the business of the Keystone Fire Insurance Company at an early date. Recent conflagration losses are put down as the cause for the change in the company's affairs. The Keystone's head office is in St. John, N.B., Senator J. V. Ellis being president.

PRESSURE GAVE OUT.

The large tenement house fire that visited New York early on the morning of January 2, again illustrated the disastrous effects of inadequate water pressure. Deputy Chief Binns declares that for more than 20 minutes there could not be obtained from hydrants in the vicinity, enough water to supply the boilers of the fire engines. Had not one of the big fire boats, which drew its water supply from the Hudson River, come to the rescue, the whole West side might have been swept, for even when the water came to the hydrants the pressure was light and it became necessary to work the engines in pairs and triplets before an effective stream could be obtained.

Hon. Fred. W. Potter has been appointed to the office of Insurance Superintendent for Illinois. This position was held up to the end of the year by Mr. R. Vrendenburg.

A "bug" hazard has been discovered at the Union stock-yards at Chicago. The packing houses there are all wired for watch boxes, and when the calls began to become irregular, an investigation showed that an insect known in the yards as the "bone bug" had eaten through the lead covering of the cables, through the rubber insulation, and had laid bare the copper wires. The matter is being investigated by the Underwriters' Laboratories, and specimens of the offending insect have been sent to the biological department of the University of Illinois for classification.

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