

FIREMEN PROPOSE NEW LEGISLATION

State Association Will Work
With Legislators for Bene-
ficial Enactments.

COMITTEE DRAFTS LETTER.

Submits Bill Modeled Upon Those of
Other States Which Are in
Successful Operation.

The legislative committee of the Utah State Firemen's association which recently adjourned its first successful convention in this city, has prepared a letter to be submitted to the coming session of the legislature, looking to the enactment of a new law providing for a relief fund to be used for the payment of injured firemen or the benefit of their families in the event of death. The letter to be submitted is as follows:

We, the undersigned, members of the legislative committee of the Utah State Firemen's association, appointed for the purpose of presenting to your honorable body, such legislation as the spirit of the times and the needs of the fire service in our state demand and merit, would most respectfully ask your kindly consideration and support of our bill to create a firemen's relief fund, attached hereto.

This is not an experimental law, but is modeled along the lines of laws now in force in quite a number of our most progressive states, notably, New Jersey, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

To show conclusively that the enactment of such a law cannot work any hardship to the insurance or property interests, we call your attention to the following official statement of the business done by the fire insurance com-

panies in Utah for the fiscal year, ending December 31, 1907. See report of secretary of state.

Amount of risks written	\$61,244,525.00
Premiums received	\$580,089.00
Losses incurred	205,060.00
	\$675,029.00
Gross profit	\$675,029.00

Surely a business that is paying a gross profit of 75 per cent, and especially one that, in reality, could not exist were it not for the protection that the firemen give, and to a large extent, voluntarily give to it, can well afford to contribute one and one-half cents out of every hundred cents to safeguard the men who make such a business possible, much less profitable. In addition, it is reasonable to suppose that decreased fire losses, made more than probable by the increased efficiency of the fire departments, will be the result of this bill. We wish it distinctly understood that we do not desire to do anything to antagonize the great insurance interests; on the contrary, we are the best friends they have, and our only desire is to put the firemen on a par with the holders of dollars in risks. At the same time, we feel that we owe a duty to ourselves and those depending on us, and that they should help us to bear at least a part of our burdens. We feel sure that this measure will commend itself to your judgment and sense of right, on account of its being so eminently fair, just and right, and further, as a partial recognition of our loyal and patriotic services, of our organization of men, who, at any and all times, not only are unselfishly ready to risk health, comfort, limb, and even life to protect the lives, homes and property of our people from destruction from man's most merciless enemy, but who, also, by their services enable our great insurance companies to furnish our people and business interests generally, the benefit and necessary protection of fire insurance at a premium rate is fairly commensurate with the protection given.

As a further proof of the reasonableness and fairness of this bill, we would ask you to note that the provisions in this bill provide that the one and one-half per cent of premiums collected upon fire insurance policies shall only apply to premiums collected in towns or cities where the fire equipment amounts in value to five hundred dollars or over, so that, where no fire service or protection is given, no tax is collected. Please also note that not a penny of the money raised by this bill, excepting three per cent thereof, is to be used as payment for services rendered, but it can only be used for the relief of those injured and disabled and for the families of those who have lost their lives in fire service.

Trusting that we may have your cordial and earnest support in the enact-

ment into law of this most meritorious bill, we have the honor to remain, Respectfully yours,

"LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE."

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Accompanying this letter is the following proposed bill:

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Section 1.—That every fire insurance company, corporation or association doing business in any incorporated town or city in Utah that has, or may hereafter have, a regular organized fire department under the control of the mayor and city council, or other governing body of said town or city, and which has in serviceable condition for fire duty, apparatus and equipment amounting in value to five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, shall return to the secretary of state, a just and true account of all premiums collected and received from all fire insurance business done within the corporate limits of the said towns and cities during the year ending Dec. 31, or such portion thereof as they may have transacted such business in such towns or cities. Such returns to be made by the said companies, corporations or associations within sixty (60) days from and after the 31st day of December of each year.

Sec. 2.—Every fire insurance company aforesaid shall, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of December of each year, deliver and pay to the secretary of state the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) upon the one hundred dollars, and at that rate upon the amount of all premiums written on fire and lightning insurance within the limits of such incorporated town or city during the year ending Dec. 31 in each year, or for such portion of such period as said company shall have done business in said city or town.

Sec. 3.—Every such company shall keep accurate books of account of all business done by them on fire and lightning insurance within the limits of such incorporated town or city, and in case of any fraud or dishonesty in said returns made by such company, as provided for in section 1 of this act, be apparent, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to investigate said returns and collect the amount which he shall find to be due.

Sec. 4.—Every fire insurance company who shall neglect to keep such books of account as aforesaid, or shall fail or neglect to report or pay over any of the money due, on premiums received as aforesaid at the times and in the manner specified in the preceding section of this act, or shall be found upon examination to have made a false re-

turn of business done by them, shall for each offense, forfeit, for the use and benefit of such fire department of such town or city, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day such statement or payment is delayed. Said forfeiture may be collected by an action to be instituted by the attorney-general in the name of the state.

The secretary of state may revoke the certificate of authority of any company failing or refusing to pay such money within the times limited, and it shall be unlawful for such company or any agent or solicitor thereof to solicit or receive application for insurance until the secretary of state has issued to the company a new certificate of authority.

Sec. 5.—The secretary of state shall pay over all the moneys pertaining to this act, collected from the insurance companies, associations or corporations, doing business within the towns or cities having, or that may hereafter have a regular organized fire department, as aforesaid, in section 1 of this act, excepting 3 per centum thereof, to the treasurer of the Firemen's Relief association of such town or city, said association to be composed of the members of the fire department of such town or city, and to be incorporated under the laws of this state; and the 3 per centum thereof, as aforesaid, shall be paid over to the treasurer of the "Utah State Firemen's association," and shall be used by the "Utah State Firemen's association" as may be regulated by said association in offering and paying prizes to be offered to efficient, well drilled and skilled fire departments belonging to the said association in the State of Utah, competing at the annual tournaments of the Utah State Firemen's association, to be held annually at places to be selected by said association within the State of Utah, with a view to encouraging and maintaining efficient, well-drilled and skilled fire departments belonging to said association within the State of Utah.

Sec. 6.—All moneys collected and received under the provisions of this act, excepting 3 per centum thereof as aforesaid, shall be held in trust and used solely and entirely for the relief of any member of the fire department of such town or city, when injured or physically disabled in or by reason of the discharge of his duties as such, and for the relief of the widow or those dependent upon any member of such fire department who may be killed in the discharge of his duties as fireman or who may die from the effects of injuries so received or from disease contracted by reason of his duties as such, and for the payment of the necessary funeral expenses of any member of such fire department who is killed in the discharge of his duties as fireman, or in case of death resulting from the effects of injuries so received or disease contracted by reason of his duties as such.

THE WANT COLUMNS of the Semi-weekly News are read by from 100,000 to 150,000 people twice a week.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING

Choral People Make Presentations to Their Leader.

The Salt Lake Choral society and many friends held a most enjoyable reception, social and business meeting last evening in the parlors of the Commercial club. There were nearly 200 people present, including Gov. Cutler, Hon. Fisher Harris, Prof. George Carless, Prof. Pedersen, ex-Gov. A. L. Thomas and other prominent citizens, with an array of musical talent both vocal and instrumental that made a brilliant assemblage. There were singing in solo and ensemble, piano, violin and other solo and instrumental and two valuable presentations to conductor McClellan and the serving of delicious refreshments. The hours passed away only too quickly; it was late before those present were aware of it.

The first order of the evening was the business meeting, at which it was formally decided to make of the Salt Lake Choral society a permanent organization, and to adopt articles as the basis of a constitution and by-laws later presented through a special committee. The committee is composed of Prof. M. J. Brines, Mrs. W. A. Sollen, Mrs. Martha Royce King, Hugh Douglass, George W. Pyper, Prof. Blakeslee and E. H. Pierce. Tentative articles had been prepared, but it was thought advisable to make a number of changes, which necessitated a short further delay. They provided for a conductor in Prof. McClellan, four directors to assist him, a choice of officers by the directors. Active, associate and honorary members will belong, and the board of directors shall contain at least two business men besides the singers and musicians. The status of membership will be defined in the revised articles so that a vote can be taken on the organization of the directory. The meeting was notable for the interest and enthusiasm manifested.

As the business meeting adjourned, the members of the society gathered around Prof. McClellan, so he could not escape, and then Mrs. Sanborn, representing the membership, presented the professor with a fine diamond ring. Mrs. Sanborn made a neat address, the conductor at the Elstvedorf, his indefatigable energy and industry in building up the chorus and society, and in the furtherance of the best interests of the divine art in Salt Lake, and through the state. Prof. McClellan gave a faint gasp or two as he tried to respond in fitting terms, as his knees, generally steady, gave unmistakable evidence of wobbling by both sides, of structural instability. However, with considerable of an effort, he braced up, managing to reply as best he could. He expressed his hearty appreciation of this kindly token of appreciation, stating that his most zealous efforts should be in the maintenance of the society at

a high standard that would make it long remembered in local musical history. Prolonged applause followed.

As if this was not enough, the ladies' chorus proposed to have something to say, also; so they presented Prof. McClellan, through Business Manager Giles, with a handsome silver-tipped baton, as a token also of their appreciation of his well directed efforts at the last Elstvedorf and the high standard of performance they had been able to give through his instruction.

The next feature of the evening was an informal musicale. There were vocal solos by Prof. Brines, Fred Smith and A. K. Houghton; violin solos by Arthur Pedersen and Willard Weiher; the Choral society sang Dr. Protheroe's "Sylvia," and Elgar's "Challenge of Thor." There were other numbers by local artists, and the evening closed with refreshments. The occasion will be remembered with pleasure. Prof. McClellan was given the glad handshake by every one present, and went home feeling that life is not altogether one "grim, hard grind" of toll, worry and anxious care.

TO AID WOMEN.

The Volunteers of America intend in the near future to open up a young ladies' home department in connection with their Salt Lake free dispensary.

In the case of women coming to the city in financial difficulties the institution will take them in, look after them generally and find them employment. If the parties assisted feel inclined to repay the institution upon securing remunerative occupation, such return will be acceptable. The home will also be open to fallen women who want to lead upright lives.

The Volunteers have such rescue homes in connection with headquarters in many of the large cities of the United States. Money to finance the scheme is now being raised by that organization, and immediately sufficient means are secured, the home will be installed and organized.

A DISCUSSION.

"Blood Atonement and the Origin of Plural Marriage."

A pamphlet containing over a hundred pages, has just been issued. This brochure contains a discussion on the questions quoted, and Mr. Richard C. Evans, the latter gentleman begin second counselor to the present of the "Reorganizers." The questions are entered into exhaustively by both sides, and a great deal of valuable information is given. Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., shows by historical data and incontrovertible deductions that the position of his opponent is untenable.

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TOMORROW'S RACES

Classy Card Made Up for Second Day's Session on Fair Ground Track.

Judging from the crowds en route to the state fair grounds this afternoon, the racing game in Salt Lake has taken a big hold on the public. The opening card this afternoon promises good sport with a bunch of fast horses from Montana in one pace and five running races.

The card for tomorrow afternoon, as announced at noon today, will consist of the six following events:

First race, one-mile heats, two in three, pace, National Bank Republic purse: Ginger, Prince Russell, Teddy, Consola, Alzame, Willets.

Second race, four and a half furlongs, Chesapeake purse, 4-year-olds and up: (3498), Anona, 109; 3526, Hersain, 109; 5, Queen Caroline, 104; 3552, Mina Baker, 109; 2089, Hailon, 112; 3523, Curricum, 109; 5, Sir Preston, 109; 3512, Ed Sheridan, 109.

Third race, five and a half furlongs, 3-year-olds and up, Branstern purse: (3395) Black Domino, 105; (4) Sainrida, 112; (3543) Reemew, 105; (5) Jillette, 112; (3540) Burnette, 112; (2513) Sea Slick, 112; (3) Valencia, 107.

Fourth race, one mile, 3-year-olds and up, Sanitarium purse—(3566) Slightly, 101; (5) Cresorton, 112; (3460) Patriotic, 101; (4) Miss May Bowditch, 109; (3543) Frost, 100; (3567) Hand-Me-Down, 101; (3570) Willet, 101; (3568), Black Dress, 96; (3530) Sal Pearl, 109.

Fifth race, seven furlongs, 3-year-olds and up; Leader cigar purse—(3540) Nevada Welsh, 104; (3472) Sir Brillar, 112; (4) Merwin, 109; (3527) Bolden, 112; Maxetta, 104; (3435) Bon Vivant, 109; Antara, 109.

Sixth race, four furlongs, 3-year-olds and up; Donhalter purse—(3539) Nancy W., 107; (2009) Koenigen Louise, 107; (3525) Glendenning, 107; Leah, 107; Jack, 107; (3566) Bill Bagwell, 102; (4) Dr. Sherman, 107; (3448) Happy Chap, 107; Black Joe, 107; (3489) Althold, 100.

PATENTS FOR WESTERNERS.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Oct. 14.—Patents issued: Utah, J. F. Cameron, Salt Lake City, locomotive motor; H. T. Emery, Salt Lake City, refunding attachment for cash registers; R. McKim, West Jordan, lathe dog; Idaho—P. Brown, Troy, condenser; Peterson, Macon, anti-freezing closet; Jasper N. Hancock has been appointed rural carrier route 1, at Nezperce, Idaho.

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Extra heavy, fine quality, outing flannel, in all the desirable colors. These sell regular at 15c yard. Special 11c yd.

Pink, cream, and blue Romanja flannel. Regular 15c yard. Special 12 1-2c yard.

Fleeced Kimona flannelettes. Regular 12 1-2c to 15c grade. Special 9c yard.

Fleeced flannelettes--Values up to 20c a yard. Special 12 1-2c yard.

27 inch Velour for bath robes and kimonas in new pretty stripes and Persian effects. Regular 20c grade for 14c yard.

Handsome new designs in 32 inch German robes for bath robes all the new side band effects. Special 30c yard.

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12-4 size all white cotton blankets. Regular \$1.75 grade for \$1.39 pair.

11-4 size grey cotton blankets. Regular \$1.25 grade for 69c pair

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Full size Tartan plaid blankets. Regular \$3.00 grade. Special price \$2.00 pair.

All wool mottled blankets. Weight 5 pounds, sells regular for \$7.00 pair. Special \$5.75 pair.

6 pound mottled and Vicuna blankets, all wool, fine quality. Special \$7.45.

Full size cotton filled comforts, silkoline covered. Regular \$1.75 grade. Special \$1.35.

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