

PRIVATE FEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Fire Department Member Wanted \$3.00 Per Month for Repairing Alarm Boxes

EX-CHIEF BYWATER'S VIEW

It Is That Boxes In Business Block
Should Be Cared for as Part of
Regular System.

department is mentioned as seeking remuneration besides that received from the department for the care of fire alarm boxes installed in private buildings.

"He came in here," said Mr. Boyce and notified me that hereafter if I wanted our alarm kept in order it would cost me \$3 per month. I looked

him from the premises. I have not held \$3 a month, and I consider this a great improvement over the ordinary graft. When the chief wanted had a chief, this alarm box was installed. We paid the cost, but Chief Bywater sent a man over at regular intervals to look it, and keeps in a pair the same as the chief boxes. I never heard of a demand for a chief until Vail became chief, and then the graft commenced. I pay my taxes and the chief pay taxes and alarm boxes in such places as the managers of department efficiency. I regarded the effort of Vail to consider them in any other way, merely an evidence of his total incapacity as chief.

WHAT BYWATER SAYS

Former Chief Bywater was asked for his opinion of the chief boxes, private alums, and of their relation to the graft.

ship to the systems. "I installed these alarms," he said, "wherever I could secure a chance to put them in. They made for quick calls, and upon quick calls the officials of the department can partly depend. The men I employed would pay the expenses of material for work in their north yards. This was remote point, and I welcomed it. I had it, and keep it, and I receive after installed. I put in two in Crane & Company's shop, a two in Z. C. Smith's, and the others have since been installed. That Electrician Sheeley should seek private remuneration for putting these alarms in, testing them, these are an outrageous graft. This should be considered in one way or one way only, and that is as part of the regular alarm system, and should be considered as a chance to install them as an increased facility for securing information."

ROBERT CALDWELL.
Great American Affidavit Maker Said
To Be Dying.
New York, Aug. 31.—Death may de-
feat the processes of law in the case
of Robert Caldwell, known as the

is wanted in England on a charge of perjury in connection with the celebrated Bruce case.

Mr. Caldwell, who is well along years and who failed physically and mentally after the famous trial in which a dukedom was the stake, is

Island. His condition is such that he probably will never leave the institution alive. He is sinking gradually, and he has had no hope in bed, said Dr. William Malsom, superintendent of the asylum, yesterday. "He is very weak mentally, and his condition is such that there is no immediate danger, but his condition is not promising in the extradition proceedings, and which it was expected would be taken up to England, a postponement was taken until Aug. 25, and then the case postponed indefinitely on the point of Dr. Malsom's report. The government is represented by Charles Fox as attorney and the defendant was James C. McLaughlin, who has appeared before United States Commissioner Cleveland, and the hearing was to have been held in New York.

By the decision of the court in the Bruce case, the testimony of Mr. McLaughlin was accepted, and the Duke of Portland was stamped as perjurer and proceedings to punish him for testifying falsely in affidavits were ordered.

FITZGERALD HEARING.
Preliminary One Was Adjourned Until September 9.

one of the chase against George W. Fitzgerald, charged with the theft of \$175,000 from the local sub-treasury, was

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

Chairman Mack Has Virtually Decided
On Manager for Eastern States.

Ridgfield, Conn., Aug. 31.—It was learned today that the selection of the eastern manager of the national Democratic campaign had virtually been made by National Chairman, Norman E. Mack, although it is understood the announcement of the choice may be made at a later date.

Chairman Mack was a guest of Melbert E. Carey of this place yesterday and it is understood that the national and state situation was discussed at some length.

CRUISES AMALFIA.

One Going, Ball at London Said.

He For Japanese Government.
 (Lynchburg, Alta. B.)—It is reported that the supposed rubber Amador, being built for the Japanese navy, is intended for the Japanese government. Commander John B. Bernadon, the American naval attaché at Rome, some time ago, sent a report on the subject.

burg, while visiting the Orlando dock yards a few days ago asked who was the purchaser of the cruiser but Signor Orlando avoided giving the prince a precise answer.