

copy has just been completed for them at an expense of \$8,000, whilst the furniture of their elegant meeting hall in the second story has cost about \$2,000. The company own a second-class Amoskeag engine, a beautiful hosecart, and 1,000 feet of hose. Willamette Engine company, being located south of Washington street, the people resident in the northern portion of the city concluded that their interests would be better protected by having an engine company within their boundaries. Accordingly, a meeting was convened in the fall of 1853, at which a company was formed and the name, *Northerner*, adopted. Its first officers were: Foreman, C. S. Silver; First Assistant, Benj. Stark; Second Assistant, D. C. Coleman; Treasurer, Justin Steinberger. But as this company possessed neither house nor apparatus, it lingered for a brief period and then naturally dissolved.

In August, 1856, however, another and more successful effort was made to organize an engine company north of Washington street. A meeting was held, at which fifty-six names were enrolled; and at a subsequent meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted, under the title of

MULTNOMAH ENGINE COMPANY
NO. 2,

With the following officers: Foreman, Benj. F. Goodwin; First Assistant, L. M. Starr; Secretary, A. C. Ripley; Treasurer, Thos. A. Davis. This company was admitted into the Department, November 25th, 1856. Like Willamette No. 1, the members were indebted to Mr. G. W. Vaughn for the loan of the first apparatus used by them. They subsequently secured a Honeyman engine in 1857, from money raised by subscription, and, a little later, also, purchased another of the same make, out of the company's fund. Both these machines have since been superseded by their splendid steamers. They now own one second-class and one third-class Silsby engine, one hose-cart, and 1,250 feet of hose. The meeting hall of this company is, without a doubt, the most elegantly furnished of any fire company on the Pacific Coast. The officers are: President, James A. Smith; Secretary, B. L. Norden; Treasurer, W. J. Van Schuyver; Foreman, Wm. Cummings; First Assistant, P. Kohl; Second As-

sistant, George Tuttle; Delegates, T. B. Trevett, Geo. Tribou, Joseph Bachman.

These three companies composed the Portland Fire Department up to June 18, 1859, at which time

COLUMBIAN ENGINE COMPANY NO. 3
Was organized by the election of the following officers: Foreman, F. Carter; First Assistant, E. Devine; Second Assistant, Wm. Cook; President, Geo. Porter; Secretary, Thos. Neally; Treasurer, E. E. Kelly. This company was subsequently provided with a second-class Jeffery engine with which they have done some noble service to the city. They now own a second-class Amoskeag, a very neat hosecart and 1,000 feet of hose. The officers are: President, J. W. Whalley; Secretary, Thos. Neally; Treasurer, A. Roberts; Foreman, T. A. Jordan; First Assistant, J. T. Williams; Second Assistant, J. Kearney; Delegates, W. O. Bruen, Wm. Young, C. J. Christie.

PROTECTION ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4
Was organized October 17, 1862, and was admitted into the Department on the 12th of the following November. Its first officers were: President, H. W. Davis; Secretary, Morris Moskowitz; Treasurer, Samuel C. Mills; Foreman, Fred. W. Bell; First Assistant, James H. Rochford; Second Assistant, Henry S. Miller. The present officers are: President, J. C. Moreland; Secretary, W. F. Matthews; Treasurer, H. W. Niles; Foreman, F. Matthews; First Assistant, T. Patton; Second Assistant, Chas. Zeller; Delegates, W. B. Jones, J. Birmingham, F. L. McCormick. The company occupy a handsome brick building, neatly furnished, and do very good service with a third-class Silsby engine, one hosecart and 1,000 feet of hose.

The rapid growth of Portland made it necessary to have an engine company located in the extreme southern portion of the city, and on January 22, 1873, an organization was effected, and the name of

TIGER ENGINE COMPANY NO. 5
Given to it. On February 13th, the company was admitted to the Department. Its first officers were: President, D. C. Lewis; Secretary, E. Mendenhall; Treasurer, F. Harbaugh; Foreman, L. Delschneider. The present officers are: President, Geo. C. Sears; Secretary, E. Mendenhall;

Treasurer, M. D. Krebs; Foreman, H. Stephenson; First Assistant, D. Jones; Second Assistant, C. C. Doublebower; Delegates, E. Mendenhall, Geo. C. Sears, W. J. Kelly. The company owns one fourth-class Amoskeag engine, one hose-cart, and 700 feet of hose.

The chief officers of the Department are, H. Morgan, Chief Engineer; H. W. Cushing, First Assistant; Frank B. Harrington, Second Assistant. The officers of the Board of Delegates, are: President, E. Mendenhall; Secretary, J. O'Connor; Treasurer, Theo. Wygant. Standing Committees—Judiciary—Joseph Simon, No. 1; T. B. Trevett, No. 2; G. C. Sears, No. 5. Rules—E. H. Stolte, H. & L. No. 1; Geo. F. Tribou, No. 2; C. J. Christie, No. 3. Finance—Joseph Bachman, No. 2; I. Kaufman, H. & L. No. 1; James Birmingham, No. 4. Certificates—Wm. Young, No. 3; A. W. Witherell, No. 1; W. J. Kelly, No. 5; Cemetery—W. O. Bruen, No. 3; W. B. Jones, No. 4; F. L. McCormick, No. 4.

A company of exempt firemen, with A. B. Hallock, as President; Shubrick Norris, Secretary, and W. S. Ladd, Treasurer, also, exists here. They have a large fund from which benefits are given to firemen disabled whilst in the discharge of their duties.

The Portland Fire Department numbers 375 active members, and is one that any city in the world might well feel proud of. The members are our prominent mechanics, merchants, attorneys, clerks, etc.; the rowdy, or so-called hoodlum element, is entirely absent. Besides five engine houses and one hook and ladder company, there are twelve fire-alarm stations scattered over different parts of the city. They are all connected by telegraph with our huge 4,500-pound fire-alarm bell, mounted on a tower 70 feet high, from which the number of the district is struck wherein a fire occurs. It is safe to say, that about \$150,000 is invested in Portland in fire-saving apparatus, including buildings, which for a city having but 18,000 inhabitants, is a very liberal allowance.

"FRESH eggs for sale, laid every day by Mrs. Dooley," appears on a sign not many miles from Third street.

The fall supply of Oregon mist now descending insures full crops.