Meeting of Firemen.

A meeting of the City Department of the City of Hudson was held at the House of Refuge for Firemen on the 1st day of February, 1866. It was advertised by special order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Columbia. The meeting was opened at half past nine o'clock A.M. by Dr. A. J. Rowles, the President, and a roll was called by Peter L. Van Allen, the Enrolling Officer.

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Hudson be, and they are respectfully petitioned and solicited to make the same, in the annual budget, an item for the purchase of substitutes for the active Firemen of this city, from the operation of the draft, as New York, Green-bush and other places have done.

WHEREAS, Other cities and villages in the State are in view of the pressing need of and valuable services rendered by the active Firemen, and to prevent their being called to serve in the militia as substitutes, by reason of the conscription act, or otherwise:

WHEREAS, a voluntary Fire Department is and has been by the public authorities of several of the largest cities in the State pronounced a public need and necessity;

That the Foremen of the several Engine, Hook and Ladder, and Hose Companies in the city be and they are appointed a committee to petition the Board of Supervisors to make such a provision for the active Firemen of this city as will enable them to escape the draft in the same manner that the Firemen of the cities of New York, Brooklyn, and other places have been relieved.

When the meeting adjourned, the Board of Supervisors was requested to take all further proper steps for the carrying out of the object of this meeting.

Resolved, that Sherman Van Ness, David Rainey and John B. Longley be appointed a committee empowered to take all necessary means to procure a meeting of the citizens here assembled, look forward with confidence and with proud anticipations to such action on the part of the Board of Supervisors as shall be worthy of the historic renown of the County of Columbia.

Enrolled 830—Quota 60—Drafted 90.

Enrolled 207—Quota 38—Drafted 56.

Additional fifty per cent.