

## OF INTEREST TO FIREMEN.

**New Combination Ladder Goes Into  
Commission This Month.**

It can now be authoritatively stated that the new combination ladder company 2 will be placed in commission before the end of this month. The company will be quartered in the house occupied by combination wagon 2, on 1251 4th st, and besides the crew and commanding officer of the combination wagon, several others will be added. It is nearly a year since the idea of placing a ladder truck at City Point was started and it has met with the hearty approval of the residents of the section.

The truck which is to be placed in commission in the City Point house was formerly known as combination 3, and has seen more than four years of service at Andrew sq. It was taken from commission and replaced by a new truck a fortnight ago, and since then has been in the repair shop, where it has received a general overhauling, and is now as good as new.

The house on East 4th st, which is to quarter the truck, has been completely renovated. The rooms have been enlarged, extra stalls have been built, and many other improvements have been made. Lieut Alfred J. Caulfield is in command of the combination wagon now stationed in the house.

Lieut Henry P. Pitcher of engine company 34, Brighton, will act as captain of that company until the commissioner appoints a successor to Capt Edward H. Whitney, retired. Lieut Thomas P. Lally of ladder company 16, Washington and Poplar sts, Roslindale, will act in the same capacity at engine 43 until Capt George J. Wall's successor is selected.

A useful piece of apparatus is the fire department wrecking wagon, which responds to every second alarm. It is located in the headquarters building and is driven by Martin Dolan.

Driver Bernard F. Norton of combination ladder company 2 has been off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Capt Charles Ingersoll of engine company 1, Dorchester st, South Boston, is still on the sick list. His son, hoseman Charles Ingersoll of engine company 43, Andrew sq, has recovered from his illness and is again on duty.

The commissioner has consented to the members of ladder company 18, Pittsburg st, having a piano in quarters and the members will avail themselves of the privilege.

The New England veteran firemen's league has several important questions on the docket, which will be decided at the big meeting to be held in May.

George R. Williams, who has seen 35 years of service, is now constantly on duty at the commissary department. The veteran has a host of friends who are glad to know that he is still as spry as he was 20 years ago when a member of the famous "Tiger 7."