

A. W. Burrell—Beat No. 6. Bounded by Fourth, Washington, Webster and South Front streets.

Nelson Fillio—Beat No. 7. Bounded by Fourteenth, San Pablo avenue, Twenty-seventh and Market streets.

David Bush—Beat No. 8. Oakland Point.

SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

Officers in the following list are invested with authority to act as policemen, but are not subject to orders from the chief, or required to leave the places at which they are stationed.

George Taylor, Pound Master.

R. S. E. Williams, C. P. R. R. Repair Shops.

Allen Peel, Lafayette School, Oakland Point.

John Maguire, Pioneer Planing Mill.

Ralph Balmford, Lincoln School.

Daniel Morrison, Oakland Planing Mill.

A. E. Dietz, Dietz Hall.

E. G. Jones, High School.

Darwin Degolia, R. R. Bridge, Alice street.

Henry Theobald, Twelfth Street Bridge.

John Brown, Clinton Mill, East Oakland.

J. L. Roundy, Webster Street Bridge.

William Stack, Zimmerman's Garden.

Oakland Fire Department.

The Fire Department of Oakland was in a chaotic state until the growth of the city compelled the authorities to select a competent man as chief engineer. It is not necessary to follow the history of the department from its inception to its regeneration and permanent establishment.—Matthew De La Montanya was appointed chief engineer in 1874, and still occupies the position. The service has been brought to a good state of efficiency; a new steamer purchased, and the most that could be made of the available resources utilized. During the year there were thirty-seven fires, involving a loss of \$256,220; insurance upon the property destroyed amounted to only \$36,300. The most important loss was that of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, (outside the limits) \$200,000, uninsured.

A Fire Alarm Telegraph, with over ten miles of wire, has been recently constructed, and eight automatic fire boxes provided, which number will soon be largely increased. A gong of enormous sounding power has also been placed in the engine house of Phoenix No. 1 and of Felton No. 2.