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GAY FIREMEN OWNED THE TOWN.

Bellefonte's Reception to Her Guests.

OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The Central Pennsylvania District Firemen's Association in Convention Yesterday.

Resplendent in gay colored bunting, her streets spanned by artistic arches, a holiday attire, withal, Bellefonte greeted the advance guard of firemen on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday was the beginning of Bellefonte's anniversary of her hundredth year which terminates in the celebration of to-day.

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THE DISTRICT FIREMEN IN CONVENTION

The third annual convention of the delegates of the Central State association of volunteer firemen was held in the Court House Wednesday afternoon and evening.

A recess of five minutes was allowed to enable delegates to pay the yearly dues, after which the formal opening of the convention was made.

Vice Pres. Lewis, in a well worded speech, introduced Burgess W. E. Gray who made the address of welcome.

Ex-President of the State Firemen's Association, Gilbert Greenberg, of Huntingdon, responded to the address of welcome and on behalf of the visiting firemen thanked the citizens of Bellefonte for their proffered hospitality.

The committee on "Transportation and Finance" presented a written statement to the effect that the matter of transportation could be settled at the convention and thus save the different company officers that extra trouble.

The first two subjects were greatly commented upon, while the last one was left untouched, the firemen being too modest to speak.

The second subject was taken up by Gilbert Greenberg, of Huntingdon, who appealed to the firemen to adopt a resolution praying that Governor Hastings sign the firemen's bill which is now in his hands.

Upon the close of this address, a motion that the resolution be adopted, and that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Greenberg, met with a hearty approval.

In the absence of the treasurer, the report of finances was read by the secretary who said that a balance remained on hand of \$33.35.



The Oldest House.—The picture represents the present residence of Jacob Valentine, corner of High and Spring streets, the rear portion of which was the first building erected in the town and the place of holding the first Court here in 1801.

THE EVENING MEETING.

The determining of the place to hold the next convention, and the election of officers occupied the greater part of the evening session.

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ENTERTAINED AT A BALL.

The convention over the firemen were invited to a ball given in their honor by the Undines, than whom none know better how to properly entertain visitors.

The line swung into Allegheny street and passed on out to Lamb, thence to the Armory the scene of the evening's pleasures. As the firemen paraded their route was ablaze in many colored lights and the visitors and their hosts looked, alike, conscious of their noisy appearance.

Once in the Armory the band struck up a lively quick step and the grand march was on. It was led by Jos. and George McMahon with their sisters.

The dance was well nigh taxed with the crowd that thronged the floor. The wee hours of the morning found the dancers still merrily tripping to good Undine orchestra music.

It was breaking day when the last belated visitors found their hotels to snatch a wink of sleep as refreshment for the parade and races of the dawn.

Thursday morning dawned clear and cool, an ideal day for the parade and sports. The rain of the evening before had laid the dust and lent a refreshment to the thick foliage of the streets.

the town, the largest part of which arrived on specials over the Central. The place put on a holiday attire for the occasion and all the time the parade was forming on Spring street, the pavements were becoming jammed with late comers, eager to see everything that there was to be seen.

The parade formed on Spring street with the right resting on High and moved in the following order at 11:30 o'clock.

ORDER OF PARADE.

Chief Marshal, Col. A. Mullen; Aids, T. K. Morris, Hard P. Harris; Chief burgess and city council in carriages. First Division, Marshal, John N. Lane; Aids, J. L. Montgomery and R. F. Hunter. F. C. Williams, Chief Bellefonte Fire Department. Chiefs of all other departments. Chiefs of all visiting companies. Volunteer Fire Co., Union Steam Fire Co., Fourth Ward Fire Co., Van Tassel Fire Co., Friendship Fire Co., John E. DuBois Engine Co., DuBois, Coleville band; Smokey Hollow Fire Brigade, Citizens Steam Fire Co. with Steamer, Tyrone; Hand & Hand Fire Co., Lock Haven. Bellefonte band; Logan Steam Fire Co. with Steamer and Hook and Ladder truck, Bellefonte. Second Division, Marshal, G. L. Jackson; Aids, L. B. Woodcock, Ed. Hoy, Zion band, Hope Steam Fire Co. with Steamer, Phillipsburg; No. 1 Co., Houtzdale, Clearfield band; Clearfield Fire Co., West Clearfield Fire Co., Clearfield, Friendship Hook & Ladder Co., Tyrone Drum Corps, Excelsior Fire Co., Bellwood, Undine band; Undine Steam Fire Co. with Steamer and Hose Carriage, Undine Fire Co., Jr. Hose Cart and Old Hand Engine, Bellefonte.

NOTES.

Hope Fire Co., of Phillipsburg, was greeted with cheers all along the route.

The Smokey Hollow Fire Brigade and band, of Coleville, was a feature that lent much amusement to the march. The boys deserve much credit for their original conception and execution of the ridiculous in firemen.

Among the organizations that stood out prominent everywhere were the Clearfield and Houtzdale companies. Both handsomely dressed and executing military evolutions that displayed their knowledge of tactics.

The Undines, with their band full company, hose carriage, engine and old fashioned pump, met with a rousing reception. Their appearance was decidedly natty and the fact that they brought up the rear was a good stroke in that they left such a fine impression as the end of the parade.

The Logans easily carried off the honors for elegance of appearance. They looked superb in their long tan coats while perched high on top of their engine Bob McGhee, of Lock Haven, the enthusiastic old volunteer who follows the firemen everywhere, added a dignity which heightened that of the tall Logans.

All of the bands in procession played well. The line of march extended over the following route:

Up High to Allegheny; north Allegheny to Linn, Linn to Spring, Spring to High, High to P. R. R. depot, countermarch on High to Spring to Bishop, Bishop to Allegheny past the reviewing stand in front of the court house, after which the organization will be at liberty to drop out of the line.

The Houtzdale Co. made a break in the parade by countermarching even before it passed the Bush House and thus made it impossible for many people below to see the latter part of the parade.

All along the way surging masses of cheering humanity expressed their approval of this or that organization as it stepped by or parade.

SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN LINE.

HOPE FIRE COMPANY No. 2, PHILLISBURG.—Wm. Way, president; S. W. Lukens, chief; S. W. Sankey, foreman; Elmer Laport, 1st asst.; Axel Paul, 2nd asst. foreman; Wm. Potts, Frank Hess, Martin Cramer, Lawrence Morgan, Charlton Jones, Chas. Dixon, James McCabe, Chas. Gahman, B. Cahhan, John Lupton, John Botright, Wm. Somerville, Thos. Grant, John Johnson, Claude Amerman, Geo. Simler, Grant Smith, Reddy Cowan, Barney Kinkaid, John Simler, Daniel Potts, Thomas Hancock, Jack Parker, Perry Cole, Thomas Acton, John Howard, Wm. Crasnow, Chas. Simler, George Fieser, John Wolfe, Harvey Ammerman, Thos. Horn, Thos. Bollek, James Waller, Jas. Harr, Noah Parker, Thos. Cramer, Leo Hudson, Chas. Metz, Chas. Abbott, "Josephine and Zantonia."

CLEARFIELD No. 1.—Jno. Baumgardner, J. Boyle, H. W. Wilson, Jas. Sutton, Jr., Dennis Cramer, Thos. Wilson, J. D. Connelly, D. J. Gingery, Ward Logan, H. A. Schiefer, Adam Address, Harry Address, J. C. Smith, J. H. Ross, Chas. E. Hoover, Ed. Address, S. T. Dougherty, Guy Mahaffey, G. J. Kragle, Albert Kline, B. F. Chase, W. F. Bradley, C. E. Chase, Jas. Murray.

CITIZENS No. 2 OF TYRONE.—W. W. Carns, president; D. B. Rafferty, foreman; T. S. Ermine, driver; R. J. Grady, J. B. Foster, W. Snyder, Mac Snyder, Geo. Dean, Chas. Van Scoyoc, Chas. Stutter, W. B. Sioder, George Calderwood, John Gates, Abe Benner, Charles Ermine, Geo. Givier, Harry Albright, Roy Wertz.

HOUTZDALE FIRE CO. No. 1.—Alex Smith, A. H. Rumberger, J. D. Sprain, W. C. Langford, S. H. Mills, Jere Mills, Ed. Mull, M. Dewalters, H. C. Walker, Geo. Jays, Chas. Chambers, John Campbell, Chas. Wilson, Wm. McKenzie, Alex Cooper, James Lucas, Geo. Brown, R. S. Snyder, Thos. Simler, Robt. Lowe, John Hallman, Ed. Hallman, Thos. Heron, W. J. Heron, Thos. Snyder, Wm. Hayes, F. J. Hiller.

UNION HOSE CO. No. 2, DuBois, Pa.—J. Pres. Rensse, G. C. Hoover, secretary; J. O. Miller, foreman; H. A. Landis, Fred Schoonover, A. C. Hanson, Jas. Zeigler, Sid Ball, Wm. Russer, Cap. Irwin, Andrew Wilson, Sam Cramer, Joe Ross, Roy Clark, James Irwin, E. W. Harshberger.

FOURTH WARD HOSE OF DuBOIS.—Clyde Hatton, Wm. McCloskey, foreman; J. C. Anderson, D. E. North, A. Smiley, John Hoover, Chas. Betz, Jas. Hoover, Wm. Hoover, Baker Hoover, Charles Lucas, J. J. Brown, Joe Zeigler, John Irwin, Andrew Wilson, Sam Cramer, Joe Ross, Roy Clark, James Irwin, E. W. Harshberger.

EXCELSIOR HOSE CO.—T. P. Greer, president; Wm. Bush, chief; Frank Wright, 2nd asst. foreman; J. W. McCloskey, 3rd asst. foreman; Sam L. Lucas, Herbert Ackor, E. Collins, Eugene Wentzel, A. Myers, E. N. Root, Frank Weaver, W. T. Isenberg, C. Weaver, H. A. Douglas, Wm. Zimmerman, Adam Hogan, R. Shaner, John Gher, Jack Shaner, Oliver Rush, S. Williams, Frank Wesley, F. Halfpenny, Howard Boyles, J. Bathurst, R. L. Wertz, F. Stevens, Ed. Cherry, B. F. Briggs, O. L. Weaver.

THE ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT.

The firemen of the district met to measure their athletic qualities on east Howard street, somewhat behind schedule time for the tournament, yesterday afternoon, but the lateness of the hour did not detract from the interest taken in them.

There were crowds of spectators to watch the bare legged contestants in the running races and cheer or look glum as their favorites won or lost. The events came off in the following order:

Hose Contest.—Run 600 feet in all and lay 200 feet of hose, making all connections, was won by Hope No. 2, of Phillipsburg. Time 33 seconds—Houtzdale was second in 36 4/5 sec. First prize, \$30; second prize, \$10 lantern.

Tallest Fireman.—James Ammerman, of DuBois.

Best Band.—The Volunteer Fire Co. Band of DuBois, \$10.

100 yd Foot Race.—Won by Chas. Litz of DuBois. Time 10 1/2 sec. Prize, a hat.

Hub Race.—Run 1000 feet won by Hope No. 2, Phillipsburg, in 42 1/5 seconds. Prize \$15.00.

Drill.—Won by the Houtzdale Co. Prize \$15.

Largest Company.—Won by Hope No. 2, Phillipsburg. Prize \$10.

Best Uniformed Co.—Won by Hope No. 2, of Phillipsburg. Prize \$15.

Potato Race.—Won by W. P. Butler, of Phillipsburg, in 1 min. 51 sec. He ran 50 yds and gathered six potatoes, one at a time, and won a handsome umbrella.

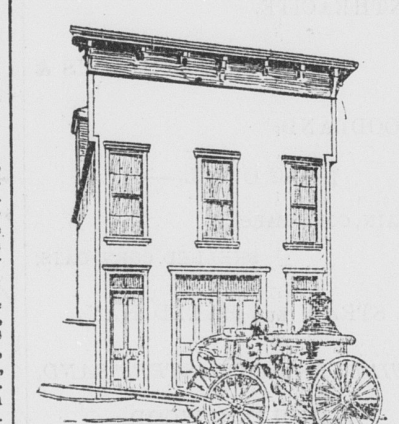
Steamer Contest.—As the Hope Co., of Phillipsburg was the only organization to bring an engine, it won the \$50 prize very easily. It was too bad that more engines were not in the contest, but the home steamers being debarred the Hopes had an easy time of it.

The sports were decidedly interesting and amused a great crowd, though the Phillipsburg aggregation, seemed inclined to walk off with everything in sight.

In the evening the grand pyrotechnic display wound up the firemen's day abroad and by midnight most of them were well on their way home, well pleased with their visit to Bellefonte, and satisfied that the firemen of our town know how to entertain royally.

THE HOME COMPANIES—THE ENTERTAINERS.

Bellefonte is truly proud of her present efficient fire department. In the past they frequently demonstrated their usefulness, and at present their splendid equipment of modern steam engines and all necessary appliances along with brave hearts and willing hands, give a feeling of confidence and security to every property owner in our beautiful town from the danger of desolation and destruction from the fiery flames. For volunteer firemen, we doubt if a better record can be shown by any similar organization in the states.



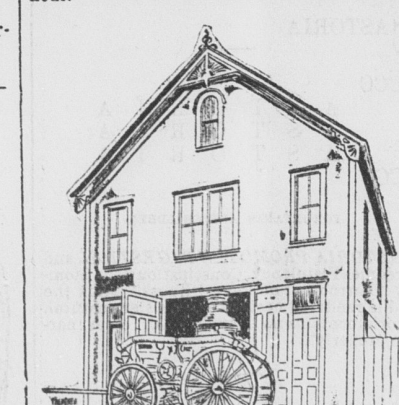
LOGAN FIRE COMPANY.

This company has continued its organization since 1868, and to-day is in a flourishing condition, and is comfortably located in their house on Howard street. In December, 1890, the company took an advance step by purchasing from the Silsbey company, Seneca Falls, N. Y., one of their best and latest improved steam fire engines. It is a thing of beauty and a powerful machine for throwing water. In addition their equipment consists of a hose carriage and 500 feet of hose, a hose cart and 400 feet, hook and ladder truck, formerly owned by the Coronet company which disbanded over a year ago. They are provided with gum overcoats and boots for service, while for dress occasions they have a handsome new uniform consisting of regulation, long drab overcoats, helmets and belts. The following are the Logan's present officers for 1895:

President, W. T. Hillbush; vice, John Hill recording sec, H. J. Jackson; financial sec, John McGinley; treasurer, J. D. Seibert; trustees, Thos. Shaughnessy, Ed. Cunningham, Wm. T. Hillbush; chief, H. D. Yergler; 1st assistant, Robert Montgomery; 2nd assistant, John Strayer; 3rd assistant, Robert Morrison; 4th assistant, Geo. Cunningham; chief engineer, J. D. Seibert; 1st assistant, W. T. Hillbush; 2nd assistant, Oscar Yergler; fireman, Elmer Yergler; 1st assistant, J. Gentzel; 2nd assistant, Harry Rhine.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Wm. T. Hillbush, John Hill, H. J. Jackson, John McGinley, J. D. Seibert, Ed. Cunningham, Thos. Shaughnessy, H. L. Yergler, Robt. Montgomery, John Strayer, Robert Morrison, Geo. Cunningham, Oscar Yergler, Elmer Yergler, J. Gentzel, Geo. Harman, Wm. Scott, Orin Miller, Harvey Miller, C. M. Garman, F. C. Williams, John Pfafford, C. M. Heisler, Sam Gaiswhite, Ed. Shrom, J. M. Cunningham, Ollie Miller, Geo. Fasig, Henry Haupt, M. Shields, John O'Conner, E. S. Rouse, Harry Rhine, James Hull, Geo. Tate, Chas. Chambers, Frank Galbraith, Kirk Tate, John Kniesly, John Anderson, Jr., Hugh S. Taylor, Philip McGinley, Wm. Sunday, Harry Miller, John Q. Miles, Elias Sunday, Joseph Rightmour.



THE UNDINE COMPANY.

The organization of the Undine company in 1871 was not successful in keeping up a continuous existence. It has several gaps, but notwithstanding that, it is now on deck every time the alarm sounds, and to-day can show a vitality, an organization and equipment that is admirable. In 1875 the company was reorganized and remained in existence until '85. The terrible fire on "Strychnine corner" that winter destroyed their comfortable

quarters on Bishop street and the company again practically disbanded. All the appliances were taken in charge by Ed. Brown Jr., and kept in the Brant house stable until 1887, when their present house was built on Logan street. Council advised the reorganization of the old company, which continued again until December, 1891, when the present company was formed. It is justly due the present organization to say that they have been the most progressive and energetic of all their predecessors. In the past three years they have purchased, and paid for, a large Clappe & Jones steam engine that is the pride of the boys, and on many occasions did efficient service. The company had recently made to order a set of handsome blue uniforms, trimmed with white braid, and always make a splendid appearance on dress occasions.

The new Undine band is another distinguishing feature of this company's progress. This band was organized in October, 1894. All the musicians are firemen, they wear the regulation uniform, the instruments are silver and of the best and latest design, and their renditions are of a high order. The company thus has its own music on all occasions. Wm. T. Royer is leader of the band. The company's equipment consists of engine, hose carriage, hose cart, supply of hose, gum coats, boots, etc. The old hand engine is still kept by them as a relic; it was never used on more than two or three occasions. The following are the present officers of the company:

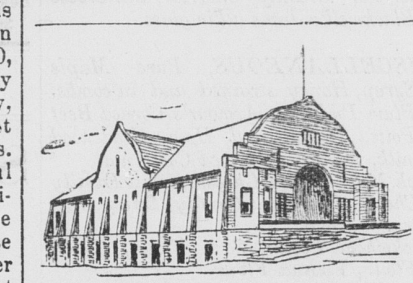
P. H. Gerrity, president; Ben Huffman, vice; Wm. Rhinesmith, recording sec.; Jacob Kniesly, financial sec.; Ed. Brown, Jr., treasurer; F. C. Walz, chief; Joe McMahon, 1st assistant; Anton Zepfner, 2nd assistant; John Keeler, 3rd assistant; chief engineer, Joseph Wise; 1st assistant, Wm. Rodgers; 2nd assistant, Wm. Allen; 3rd assistant, P. H. Gerrity; 4th assistant, Jacob Kniesly; trustees, Joseph Beezer, Scott Lose, Christ Smith.

Wm. Allen, P. H. Gerrity, Thomas Howley, J. S. Kniesly, F. C. Walz, Wm. Doll, Joseph McMahon, Joseph Wise, E. Brown, Jr., A. S. Garman, J. S. Lambert, Joseph Beezer, C. B. Garman, Geo. Doll, John Keeler, Wm. Hill, John Bauer, John M. Beezer, J. O. Gillen, Andrew Kniesly, E. J. Gillen, Geo. McMahon, Wm. Rhinesmith, Alf. Baum, Ben Huffman, Wm. Flack, Wm. Rodgers, L. Dell, Jr., John Anderson, Anton Zepfner, Walter Gerrity, Joseph A. Book, Harry Beck, Frank Taylor, Wm. Dertine, W. Scott, Lose, W. P. Smith, John Noll, Wm. T. Royer, John McSuley, Christ Smith, J. B. Gentzel, B. Frank Dietrich, Fred Smith.

A drop of castor oil in the eye to remove a foreign body is an efficacious and often more manageable than the frequently recommended flaxseed.

Figured China silks 20cts. a yd; striped silk silks 30cts. a yd.—Lyon & Co.

The coming Centennial of Bellefonte will be an enormous and phenomenal success, mark our work for it. Our clothing business is going to be greater than ever—and to enable you to "fall into line"—we give you all the opportunity you can possibly wish. Buy clothing, hats, mens furnishings, ladies waists, chemises, ties and Sterling silver sets for waists from us. MONTGOMERY & Co. tailors and clothiers.



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Bellefonte Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. JACKSON & Co. The following are the quotations up to six o'clock, Thursday evening, when our paper goes to press: Red wheat..... 75 Cents, per bushel..... 25 Corn, shelled, per bushel..... 50 Oats—new, per bushel..... 32 Barley, per bushel..... 48 Ground-plaster, per ton..... 9 50 Buckwheat per bushel..... 40 Cloverseed, per bushel..... \$8 00 to \$7 00

Bellefonte Produce Markets.

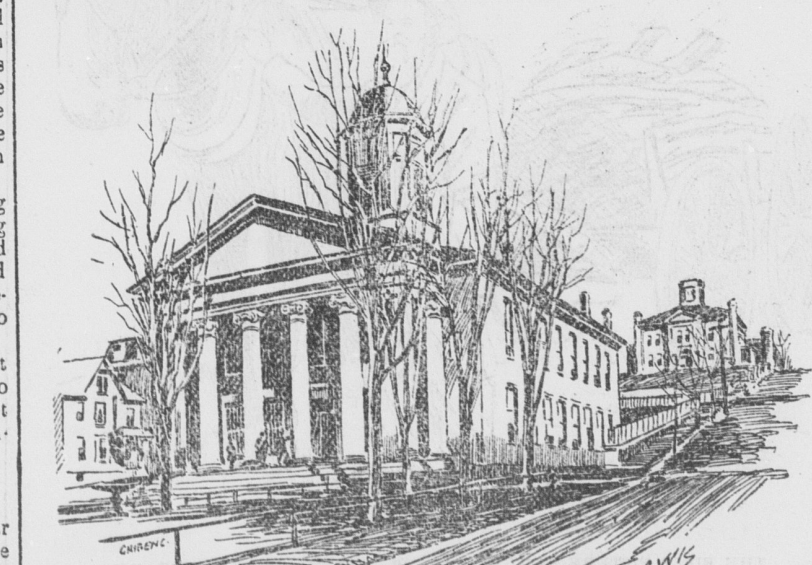
Corrected weekly by Seehler & Co Potatoes per bushel..... 60 Eggs, per dozen..... 12 Lard, per pound..... 8 Country shoulders..... 8 Sides..... 8 Hams..... 12 Fallow, per pound..... 4 Butter, per pound..... 12 1/2

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