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GOVERNOR TENER ATTENDS DEDICATION OF HONESDALE'S "CITADEL OF PEACE"

State Armory Board Representatives, Officers of the N. G. P., and Distinguished Guests Take Part In the Formal Exercises, Wednesday.



GOVERNOR JOHN K. TENER, who dedicated Company E's new \$30,000 home, Wednesday afternoon.

Honesdale's Citadel of Peace, the State Armory, was dedicated Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, under the auspices of Company E, Thirteenth Regiment, N. G. P., in the presence of Governor John K. Tener, representatives of the State Armory Board, officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, distinguished guests from other cities, and an audience of twelve hundred people.

Seated on the platform were Governor John K. Tener; Brigadier General Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg; Major General C. Bow Dougherty, Division of the N. G. P.; Col. Louis A. Watres, Scranton; Contractor Herman J. Woelkers, Scranton; Judge Alonzo T. Searle, John D. Veston, Captain Carroll J. Kelley, Prothonotary M. J. Hanlan, Doctor V. A. Swift, all of Honesdale, and John T. Watkins, Scranton.

Occupying positions of honor in front of the stage were a large number of grizzled veterans of the Civil War belonging to Captain James Ham Post, No. 298, with their Commander Judge Henry Wilson seated at the head of the line.

Scranton sent over a large delegation of regimental officers to attend the exercises of dedication. Among the number were Col. L. A. Stilwell, Lieut. Col. Ezra H. Ripple, Major E. F. Conrad, Lieut. Col. F. M. Vandenberg, Captain Harry Northup, Co. K., Major Wm. Keller, M. M. Murphy, Co. K., Major Wm. Keller, Major A. H. Rutherford, Lieutenants Herman Ernst, George Owens, Chas. Keyser, members of the regimental staff, Lieut. Wm. Ward, Co. K., Lieut. L. Brown, Co. L., Second Lieut. Horton Kimble, Co. D., Capt. Robert Hull, Co. F., Lieut. Lawrence Watres, Co. H., Lieut. Ross, Co. L., Capt. C. Frank, U. S. A.

The services of dedication which lasted just an hour and a half were opened at eleven minutes past four o'clock with an overture by the Honesdale Band. Doctor Swift invoked the Divine Blessing. Presiding Officer Greene's address of welcome was followed in turn by the formal presentation of the Armory, first to the architects, then to the State Armory Board; the acceptance of the structure by Colonel Watres; the delivery of the building into the custody of C. E. by General Dougherty; and by the response of Captain Carroll J. Kelley.

The concluding addresses were delivered by Governor John K. Tener and Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart.

In honor of the occasion the Armory was appropriately dedicated with bunting and flags. Chairs for almost a thousand people had been provided, Harry Richards having charge of the seating. Hundreds stood in the rear of the building.

The order throughout the proceedings was excellent, and the addresses were uniformly good, and held the closest attention of the vast audience from beginning to end.

The dedication committee consisted of John D. Weston, chairman, Homer Greene, E. B. Hardenbergh, E. J. Kelley, Edward Doney, Thomas Gallagher, R. J. Murray, William Katz, N. Frank Fralley, Thomas Kelly, E. B. Callaway. Following are the members of the Honesdale

Armory Board: Capt. Carroll J. Kelley, Lieut. Edward F. Doney, E. B. Hardenbergh, John D. Weston, Homer Greene.

Five hundred people attended the military reception and ball given in the Armory, Wednesday evening, when a reception was tendered the Governor. Yes, the Governor, danced and seemed to enjoy the handshaking as much as anybody else.

For be it known that Pennsylvania's Chief Executive is a democratic sort of a man. Just an instance. After the dedication services were over, he jumped down from the platform the better to greet the people, saying as he did so, "I'll have to get right down among you." He helped Comrade Graham Watts, a Civil War veteran, on with his overcoat, and acted just as any well-bred man would.

Doctor Swift's Invocation.

Almighty and Eternal God, Thou who art the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, who ordereest all things after the counsel of Thine Own Will, we bow reverently in Thy Presence. Thou art the only true God. We worship Thee in Spirit and in Truth. Thou art the Holy God. We worship Thee in the Beauty of Holiness! We adore Thee as Our Father, too, loving us with Infinite Love; revealing Thyself to us through the Works of Thy Hands, for the heavens declare Thy glory and the firmament showeth Thy handiwork; through the Inspirer of the Word; through the Day of Sacred Rest; through the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth; through sweet, pure homes; through stable government, resting on the bed-rock of justice; through our splendid system of Public Education; through wise law and able, incorruptible courts; but more clearly and definitely through Thy Dear Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who came to interpret Thee—the Father—to us; to leave us an example that we should follow in His footsteps; and by His Death and Resurrection make it possible for us—made a little lower than God, but—fallen,—to find our way back to Thy Great Heart of Love, and become the heirs of Immortality.

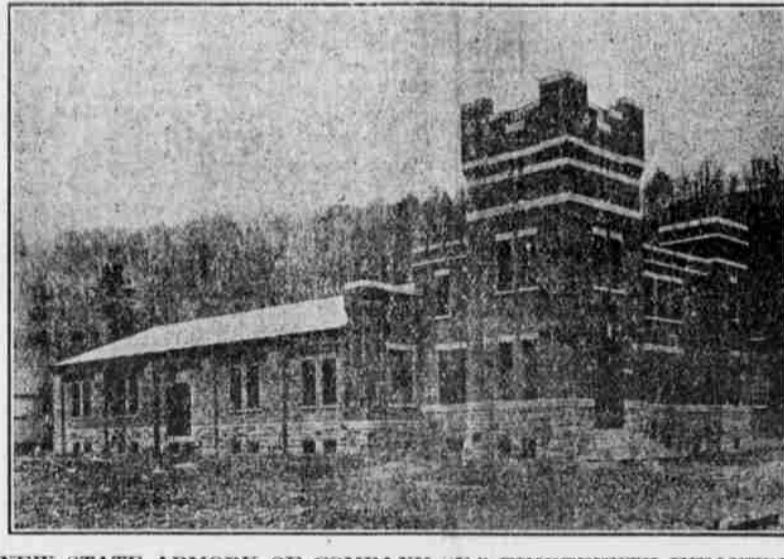
We pray, Our Father, for Thy special blessing to rest upon us at this hour. Remember in unending mercy Thy Servant, the President of the United States, the Governor of our own great State; and all our officers of our National Guard. Bless, we beseech Thee, our citizen soldiery. May they be men of truth and integrity, gentle but firm Knights of King Arthur, living clean, manly, helpful lives. May they be loyal to all our flag stands for—liberty, that never becomes license, but is always regulated by law. May they serve their country with singleness of purpose, and make any sacrifice that Right may be enthroned. Hasten the day when all inequalities, save those of character, shall disappear; when the Golden Rule shall express private business, industrial, National life. Hasten the day of universal peace,—when the Nations shall learn War no more. This we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, Thou God of Armies and of Battles, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

"The next number on the program," remarked Mr. Greene, following Doctor Swift's invocation, "is an address by John D. Weston. Mr. Weston has asked me to cut this number out, for while he is not afraid of tackling the job of building the State Armory he is apparently afraid to stand up and make a speech.

"The fact that we have this State Armory is due to his labor, energy, enthusiasm. So far as I am concerned my address will be very tame as I do not want to encroach on the time of General Stewart who is the orator par excellence of the occasion. This is a case where 'the first is last, and the last is first' though you (turning and looking at General Stewart) are not yet near the Kingdom of Heaven, Stewart! (Laughter). So it becomes my duty to bid you welcome to the Armory.

Homer Greene's Speech.

"On behalf of Company E, I welcome you to this beautiful and stately armory and to these exercises of dedication. This is indeed a red-letter day for Honesdale. Never before in our history have we had with us so many distinguished guests on a single occasion. The Governor, the Adjutant General, the members of the State Armory Board, the Officers of the National Guard, all are here to participate with us in the exercises of dedication of this building. We are honored by hav-



NEW STATE ARMORY OF COMPANY "E," THIRTEENTH INFANTRY AT HONESDALE, PA.

ing them with us; and we feel that the occasion is worthy of their presence. For we are dedicating one of the most modern, most complete, most handsome, and best equipped armories in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And Company E is worthy of her new home. (Applause). For Company E has a record and a history of which we may all be proud. It was organized back in 1878 because the young men of that time believed, as do the young men of to-day that the safety, the integrity of a State, of a people, of a nation, lies in the fact that it is ready at all times to meet aggression and lawlessness by armed force, if necessary. Very many of the active and influential young men of that day became charter members. I myself was a high private on the left of the line, and secretary of the company organization. The first Captain of Co. E was George F. Bentley, a strict disciplinarian, but loved by his men as he was by everybody. When he died in 1881 he was succeeded by D. R. Atkinson. And after him, in turn, came Henry Wilson, who is still with us. (Applause). After him George H. Whitney, an enthusiastic guardsmen, who was promoted to the post of Major in the Guard and the best and most enthusiastic Guardsmen Pennsylvania ever saw. (Applause). After Whitney came in turn Rowland, Lane, Wood, Smith, Osborne, Bigelow, Simons, and last, but by no means least, Captain Carroll J. Kelley. (Applause).

Company E was attached to the Thirteenth Regiment and has participated in all of the encampments, all of the maneuvers, and has seen all of the service which has fallen to the lot of that regiment. I very well remember going down to the station

at East Honesdale to see the boys off when they embarked for the war with Spain in 1898. And I saw in them that day the same high courage and the same lofty spirit of patriotism that I had observed as a boy in the volunteers who left my native village for the Civil war in the dark days of '61. (Applause). I visited boys of Company E again a month later in their camp on the heights of Virginia back of Arlington, and I found them, like true soldiers, ready for any service which their country might call on them to perform.

"But dark days fell upon the Company. They found themselves a few years ago without an armory or a permanent company home. But in this emergency Captain Kelley, with a patience and a patriotism, and a perseverance worthy of all praise, held his men together in the hope and promise of a better day. And that day dawned. This situation was called to the attention of some of us who believe in a citizen soldiery, and in the language of the day we "got busy." We formed a local armory board of which Mr. Weston was chairman, Mr. Simons, Judge Searle, Mr. Hardenbergh and myself being the other members. We sought the co-operation of the State Armory Board and received it. The first thing that was necessary for us was to provide the State with the land on which to erect the armory. We started a subscription paper, and the first man to subscribe and to pay—in an amount not exceeded by any other individual—was that splendid soldier of the cross, the former regimental chaplain, Rev. Dr. William H. Swift. (Applause). The commissioners of Wayne county, with a marked public spirit and by authority of law, gave

us one thousand dollars. The citizens of Honesdale with characteristic generosity subscribed another thousand dollars. Company E pledged three hundred dollars. The State Armory Board shouldered its part of the burden to the full extent permitted by law and the appropriation, and the walls began to rise. The entire cost of the property has been about \$23,000, of which amount there remains in the form of a debt eleven hundred dollars which we hope the patriotic citizens of Honesdale and Wayne county will assist us in finding some means to pay before very long. The armory is now completed. Company E has a home. We have reached the day of dedication. You yourselves can see the results of our labors and can judge of them. For myself I look upon the accomplishment of our purpose with great pride and satisfaction. For I believe in a citizen soldiery. This country does not need and should not have a great standing army; but she does need and she must have a body of trained men like our National Guard; young men who while following their ordinary avocations of life in every field of industry, receive a military training that fits them for active service in the field on an hour's notice, ready at all times for quick mobilization into a great army that shall be invincible. (Applause).

"Now this country must have soldiers. I believe it is one of the first needs of the country. The time foreseen by the prophet has not yet come when we can afford to beat all of our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning-hooks. No other more efficient method has yet been devised by which to meet foreign aggression and domestic lawlessness as by the presence in our midst of a body of well-trained men ready for any emergency that threatens the rights of our people or the integrity of our flag. I believe in peace. I yield to no man in my love for peace. Peace among nations, peace among men, peace everywhere and always, it is Heaven's benediction upon earth. But, my friends, while we gladly carry the olive branch in one hand, we cannot yet afford to dispense with the big stick in the other. (Applause). For the day of danger has not yet passed, and we must still be on our guard. We must be ready lest by neglect or weakness, a day of peril fall suddenly upon us and we be left destitute and in chains. So I say it is for you and me, my friends, to encourage and support, and assist our citizen soldiers until that day really comes, when the minds of all men are filled with wisdom, the hearts of all men are filled with peace, until that day when the bugles sound the truce of God to the whole world forever." (Great Applause).

"I am glad to announce," said Mr. Greene, "that that Prince of Singers, John T. Watkins, from



COL. L. A. WATRES, Member of State Armory Board Who Delivered Speech of Acceptance.

Scranton, will lead the singing."

Mr. Watkins did lead the singing, and the way the vast audience voiced "The Star-Spangled Banner" would have put any Elsteddoff or traveling Mormon chorus to blush.

"Mr. Woelkers is here in person to respond for that firm, and turn the building over to the architects." Responding Mr. Woelkers said:

Contractor Woelker's Remarks: "I feel proud to be here on this occasion to present to you this building of the Armory. I thank you and the Board for the trust you put into the firm of ours and we have tried to faithfully complete this building in accordance with the contract and specifications given us.

"I'm satisfied, and the building is here for you to judge. I hereby now proceed and hand over this building to you in the name of the firm." (Applause).

Prothonotary M. J. Hanlan, who spoke in behalf of McCormick and French, Architects, was introduced by Chairman Greene in these words:

"The massive and substantial beauty of this building and the completeness of its arrangements are due to the architects, Messrs. McCormick & French of Wilkes-Barre.

"M. J. Hanlan, Esq., Honesdale, will respond for them and turn the building over to the State Armory Board."

Mr. Hanlan's Response: "Among other things, Mr. Hanlan said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, architecture symbolizes the civilization of the world. Away back in the remote ages of the past, primitive man constructed a rude habitation to shelter him from the elements. But as centuries elapsed and the human race attained to higher intelligence as much attention was given to the beauty of a building as to the utility.

"In behalf of McCormick and French, Architects, who designed the building, I want to present this building to the State Armory Board. In doing so it is my hope that the young people who occupy it will always be loyal to the flag, and the nation." (Applause).

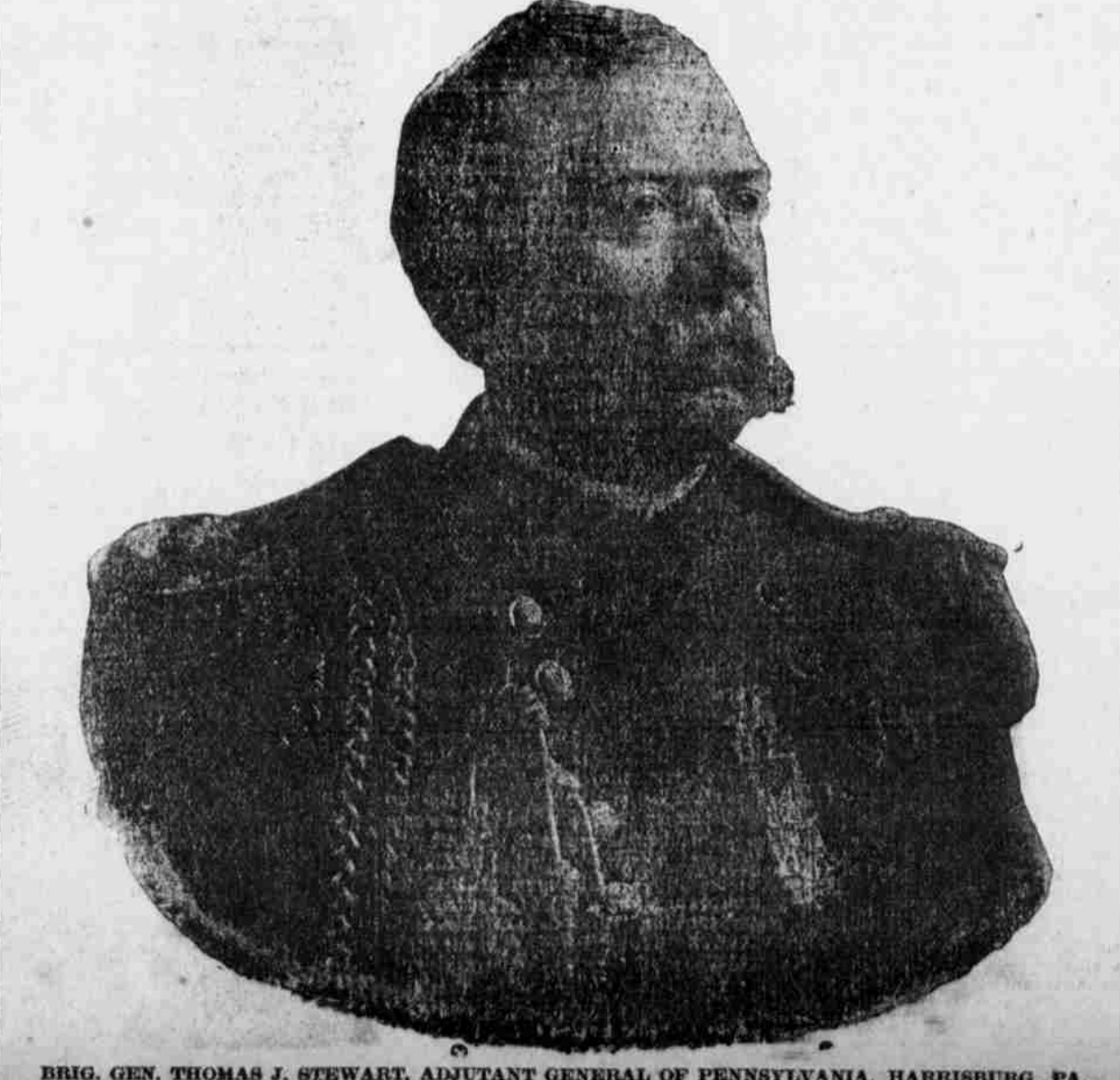
"From the State Armory Board," said Lawyer Greene, in presenting the next speaker, "we not only received encouragement and exceedingly courteous treatment in our efforts to build an armory, but they stretched the appropriation to which we were entitled to the breaking point in order to help us out.

"The response for the State Armory Board will be made by a man whom we all know and admire, a man of Wayne ancestry, a former colonel of the Thirteenth Regiment, (and a valued member of the State Armory Board), Col. Louis A. Watres, of Scranton."

Responding Col. Watres said: Col. Watres' Speech. "Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen! To me has been assigned the agreeable duty of formally accepting this building on behalf of the Armory Board of the State. This is, I believe, the twenty-second Armory that the State has taken under its wing for the use of the soldiery.

"The location of this building, it is a pleasure to note, was agreed to by the Armory Board not without a complete and full knowledge of the merits of your town and the merits of the Company who are to occupy it.

"I must refer to the splendid patriotism and public spirit which moved so many of your citizens to contribute so generously to the cost of the lot on which the building stands. "Personally, I would say, I'm pretty well acquainted with this Company and the National Guard. I do not know of a regiment from any section of the State where there could come a better appeal to the State Armory Board than in this very borough of Honesdale. I have been with Company E in the field and in camp. "E" stands for efficiency. "E" stands for excellence, and 'E' in this case stands for an Elongated Shadow of one of the noblest captains of



BRIG. GEN. THOMAS J. STEWART, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, PA.

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