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ARMORY DEDICATION IN HONESDALE

HISTORY OF THE COMPANY --- ITS OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, IN COMMAND.

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The Honesdale company is well deserving of its handsome Armory. Years ago the company had a building o. its own, managed by trustees, but so heavily mortgaged, that witn-out State assistance, it could not be maintained. It was finally sold, and is now the home of a skating rink. In the meanwhile the company, rec-ognized as one of the york best in ognized as one of the very best in the National Guard, has been poorly quartered over store buildings, while the State property has been housed in a stable. Within a recent per-iod, the State and United States inspectors condemned this method of storing Government property, scented with the atmosphere of an ani-mal retreat. The company officers in fact, were so discouraged with the conditions that the future of the unite rested in grave doubt for some time. Captain Carroll J. Kelley was equal to the emergency, however, and to his untiring zeal, coupled with the responsive interest of the members of the Armory Board, and the patriotism of residents, is due the dawn of better things in the military history of Honesdale.

Captain Kelley is indebted in great measure to the patriotic impulses of the citizens of Honesdale. Through the earnest endeavors of E. B. Hardenbergh, Homer Greene, John D. Weston, Myron E. Simons, Judge A. Armory Board, and who visited Gettysburg and presented the cause to the attention of Governor Edwin S Strongt and Adverse Armory Board S. Stuart and Adjutant General Stewart and the members of the State Armory Blard, the acquire-ment of the new building is in great part a reality. The Thirteenth Regiment is a di-

rect outgrowth of the Scranton City Guards. This battallon, of four companies, was organized in 1877, for the protection of that city.

It was decided to formally reor-ganize the Citizens' Corps into a company of the National Guard. The come. The number of enlistments, however, warranted four companies, and consequently a battallon was recruited. The formal election of officers of the companies took place on August 13, 1877. Henry M. Boles was chosen as Major of the battallon on the following evening.

The times were still far from quiet, however. "The continuance of the lawless spirit in the region was manifested in attempts to in-timidate and injure the engineers. who were running the pumps at the mines, and the Guardsman placed ir protection write "On the 27th of August there gan. gan. 'On the 27th of August there was created a positive excitement and indignation by a dastardly at-tempt to wreck a train on the D. & H. Company's Gravity road, which was carrying an excursion of eltizers with their wives to Honesdale. This consults are also been and the entangle.

" On the 14th of April, 1878, the Guard celebrated the anniversary of its muster into service by an exand obtained permission to place Company A in a camp under mili-tary order for a week. This com-pany went into camp on the Dy-berry, near Honesdale, on the even-ing of August 14th, and broke camp on the 19th." In 1878, largely as a result of the industrial riots of the previous year, there was a complete reorganization of the National Guard, in response to the nublic de-

previous year, there was a complete reorganization of the National Guard, in response to the public de-mand. "There were, perhaps, few military organizations in the State that were more potent in awakening this long dormant military spirit, and in bringing the National Guard. Three additional companies were that were more potent in awakening this long dormant military spirit, and in bringing the National Guard. Three additional companies were that were more potent in awakening this long dormant military spirit, and in bringing the National Guard

battallon of four companies. battalion of four companies. Hence it was suggested that it would be the part of wisdom to anticipate the ac-tion of high authorities and secure such ouside companies as would most readily affiliate with the Guard, and thus create a regiment capable of a first-class reputation. To this end the young men of Honesdale of Carbondale and of the Hence To this end the young men of Honesdale, of Carbondale, and of the Honesdale, of Carbondale, and of the Providence of Hyde Park wards of Scranton were encouraged to enlist and organize companies, with the ex-pectation of being united with the Scranton City Guard. Thus the mil-itary enthusiasm created by the suc-cess of the Guard, which was the first organization in the State that own-ed its own rifle range and among ed its own rifle range and among the first to own its own Armory, bread and was directed into the best channels. By the visit of the Gard to Honesdale, and the en-campment of Co. A in that place, a military spirit was aroused, which, within a few months resulted in the enrollment and operationisation of sec within a few months resulted in the enrollment and organization of one of the best companies in the State; with Captain George F. Bentiey in command, and Lieutenant D. R. At-kinson and Horace G. Young in the rear. The Honesdale Guards were musicated into service formed set rear. The Honesdale Guards wer, years zito, the following writtener mustered into service, formed o, story of the early danse of the onesdale date Guard.



THE CITIZEN. FRIDAY, NOV. 17, 1911.



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been interested in the attempt to raise a company the winter before signed the paper. There were some exceptions; two of the most notable being Dr. R. W. Brady and Charles E. Krapp. In both instances busi-ness prevented their joining.

August 23, 1878, all the signers, in pursuance to notice, gathered in Liberty Hall, to meet Major Henry Liberty Hail, to meet Major Henry it, suices, the mustering officer. The ir ou was filled with spectators. Major Boles made an earnest and able address and then administered the calh of allegiance. Two of the sixty withdrew before this ceremony was performed; so the new company counted just fifty-eight men—the pick of the town. An election was held on the spot, under the direction of Major Boles. A precedent was of Major Boies. A precedent was formed that night, which for over years was strictly adhered to:-There was no contest; only one can-builte for the same office. George - Fealls, was elected Captain; D. flomson, First, and Horace G. the light of the spoken. Thanks, and Horace G. Scional Light here of Bent-sy, its is dead. "Of the dead no-hard , good should be spoken." that a r dead Captain nothing but rod can be spoken. Thanks, mainly but cod can be spoken. Thanks, mainly to his energy and sound judgment, all went well. The non-commissionall went well. The non-commission-ed officers were appointed. Wm. H. Station at the head of the list, and a better appointment could not have been made. In E's service he was the most untiring and zealous of human beings. There was much to be done. Order had to be brought out of chaos. One or two evenings were devoted to effecting a civil organization. The new company be-came known as the "Honesdale S and." Sergeant Shuman wished the name to be the "Irving Blues," b this motion was lost. A few days rifer the muster in, we were assignthe muster in, we were assign-the Scranton City Guard as Co. E, but we were a company only in numbers,--unarmed, un-uniform-ed, and with very misty notions in regard to discipline.

Drilling soon became incessant. We labored under great disadvant-ages. Not the least Yormidable was ages. Not the least formidable was one allost unrecognized by the men, and only vaguely appreciated by the officers. We were all too well known to cach other, and only long and only us the absolute experience taught us the absolute necessity of laying aside all social

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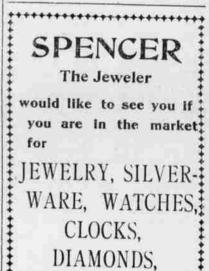
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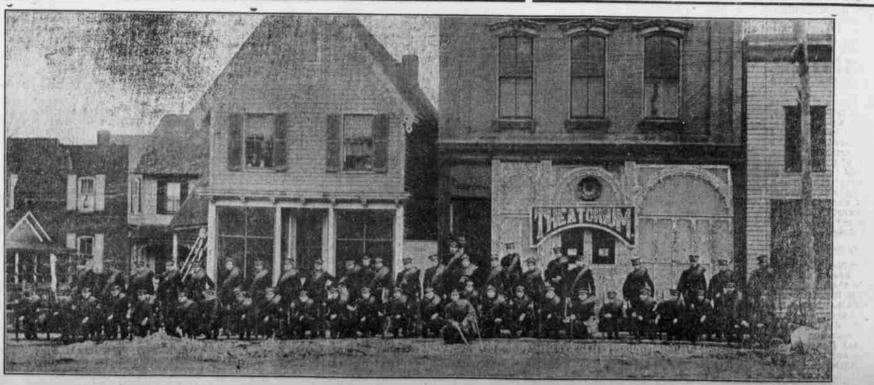
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familiarity between officers and men, the moment we were under or-ders. We drilled for the first four months sometimes twice a week; occasionally three times; and twice four and five times each week. And we did drill, too. Every night meant one hour squad drill, and one hour company drill. The first drills were held in Weaver's Hall, but the large room, now converted into T. B. Clark & Co's factory was seen south and

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now converted into T. B. Clark & Co.'s factory, was soon rented, and for five years used as our Armory. It was badly adapted for the purpose; in fact, a miserable place, much too small, and broken up by iron piliars, but we made the most we could of it, and so did our visitors, for every drill brought its host of [pokerson. Our early efforts must have been ludicrous in the extreme. The men were generally speaking, wholly un-taught, and we did not have one of-ficer qualified to instruct a squad in Upton's Tactics. We did not lack for veterans in our number. Bentley and S'anton had both served wacn mere striplings under an emergency mere striplings under an emergency call. And among the non-commis-sioned officers, Shuman had been in

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