

HONESDALE'S \$150,000 INDUSTRY FORMALLY OPENED

The Gurney Works Dedicated With Parade, Town Decorations and Speeches.

MANY BUSINESS PLACES GAY WITH FLAGS

The Parade was Composed of the Entire Gurney Force, Honesdale Borough Officials, Bank Representatives, Speakers of the Evening, Prominent Citizens and D. & H. Officials. It was the Maple City's Most Important Event.

The occasion that has been long looked forward to, the event of the largest importance to the community of Honesdale, is now a thing of the past. The opening of the new Gurney Electric Elevator plant is now a part of the historic life of Honesdale and it will hold a place in the minds of men for many years to come as marking the beginning of a great industrial activity and prosperity for the borough.

Wednesday evening the crowds thronged the curbing the entire length of Honesdale's Main street to watch the parade of automobiles which bore the speakers, business men and the members of the Board of Trade and their wives to the Gurney Electric Elevator plant at the foot of Main street. There they were received by a committee made up of employees of the plant and the mechanism of the big plant was demonstrated. It is estimated that four thousand people followed in the wake of the parade last night and thronged through the building when the doors were opened.

The reception committee was composed of the following: F. S. Merritt, A. R. Little, W. M. Cumminskey, A. LeBlanc, F. H. Thompson, Walter O'Connell, J. J. McGuire, Leon Ross, Benjamin Hessling, Charles Reury, George Leest, Rex Nicholson, Gustave Deiner, Earl Benjamin, Ernest Dudley, W. B. Bennett, Norman Taylor, John Roeschlau, Fred Truman, William Loris, Russell Dennis, R. T. Bracey, Stephen Hottenrott, Walter Brown, Wm. Pethick, Fred Hattler and J. M. Archer.

A large platform had been erected in the rear of the main room and in front of this seats were placed for the accommodation of the ladies. On the platform were the speakers, the officers and salesmen of the company, the members of the borough council and the directors of the four banks of Honesdale. Those who were on the platform were: C. A. McCarty, Judge Carey, Homer Greene, Judge Searle, H. F. Gurney, F. S. Merritt, W. M. Cumminskey, C. R. Callaway, A. R. Little, Construction and Sales Department: W. L. O'Connell, E. K. Little, H. S. Houpt, E. W. Evans, W. D. MacQuestion, P. V. Dudley, A. E. Pettit, H. Truman, M. O. Sykes, F. H. Thowler, E. T. Stevens.

Town Council: M. Caulfield, John Erk, T. Canivan, William Kreitner, C. H. Rettew, S. T. Ham, George Penwarden, W. H. Lee. Bank Directors: W. B. Holmes, T. B. Clark, W. F. Suydam, W. W. Suydam, E. W. Gammell, H. T. Conger, C. J. Smith, H. S. Salmon, J. W. Farley, F. B. Kimble, H. Z. Russell, H. T. Menner, L. J. Dorfinger, J. C. Birdsall, E. B. Hardenbergh, P. R. Murray, L. A. Howell, E. C. Mumford, W. F. Riefler, E. D. Penwarden, Joel J. Hill, Silas A. McMullen, Jacob F. Katz, Warren E. Perham, B. F. Haines, H. B. Ely, C. M. Pethick, J. A. Fisch, C. L. Wright, M. E. Simons, J. S. Brown, John Weaver, C. A. Emery, John Krantz, G. W. Sell, O. E. Bunnell, M. J. Hanlan, F. W. Kreitner, W. M. Fowler.

W. G. Blakney and J. D. Weston. Out of town guests: D. J. O'Connell, New York; C. B. Paul, New York; E. W. Marshall, New York; Geo. E. Bates, Scranton; Supt. of D. & H., C. E. Burr, Carbondale; C. N. Lauer, Philadelphia; J. N. Kennedy, Philadelphia; N. Roosevelt, Philadelphia; A. Nares, Philadelphia; Peter Herbric, Philadelphia.

Burgess Chas. A. McCarty, as presiding officer of the evening, gave the address of welcome, and introduced the other speakers. Mr. McCarty said in part: The presence here tonight of this magnificent audience representing as it does not only the municipality of Honesdale officially, but the financial, industrial, agricultural and commercial life of our community is fraught with deep significance, and augurs well for the future of our town. You are not attracted by idle curiosity but with a deep conviction that you have business here, and that your presence will add to the occasion in some degree, that influence which on the whole must be far reaching and effective.

Large numbers of people have from time to time through all the ages assembled at irregular intervals, and at different places for the accomplishment of almost innumerable purposes. Sometimes to celebrate the coronation of a king, sometimes for the inauguration of a president, and then to protest against wrong and injustice, and then to celebrate and perpetuate some important event in history. It is for this last purpose we are assembled here tonight to celebrate the completion and official opening of the Gurney Electric Elevator Works. Thus we see approval or protest may be made manifest by the assembling of a crowd.

This meeting here tonight together with the occasion which calls it forth is destined to become historic, and all those who have the privilege of taking part in these proceedings shall, by their very act, stamp their names in-

delibly upon the history of our town. Mr. McCarty gave the Honesdale newspapers full credit for the part they took in gaining this great industry for Honesdale. "The newspapers of Honesdale," said Mr. McCarty, "have done much for the development and uplift of the town and have given to it a higher standard. The town would be dead if it were not for the newspapers in it. The newspaper is the representative of the community abroad and it does as much if not more than any other public institution for the development of the town."

Today a new epoch dawns in the industrial life of Honesdale, and henceforward her apologists and advocates shall not confine their praise to the natural and artificial beauty of the place as in the past, neither shall they be confined to the educational, literary and refining influences of our people, but she shall from this day take her place as a financial, industrial and commercial town, fully in keeping with the progress of the twentieth century. The history of Honesdale, all other history appeals to us only so far as we may be directly interested or our future may be effected by it, and yet there are sentimental associations stretching from a thousand hearts, back over the recent past to the time when Honesdale had the proud distinction of being the most extensive coal dumping and coal shipping ground in the world, with all the work and business which such a condition implies, but Honesdale has fallen from that proud position, not through any fault or derelictions on the part of her people nor the lack of vigilance on the part of those who represented her, but because the spirit of progress in its onward march changed the conditions existing and in its merciless onward course, dismantled her industries and laid her almost prostrate; and then the same spirit that made useless and obsolete the old order of things, inspired the hearts and impelled the hands of her people

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FACTS CONCERNING THE NEW GURNEY PLANT.

Over 5 acres of land in the plot. Contract signed by the F. A. Havens Co. August 12, 1912. Building was 8 months in construction. Building is 362 feet long, 162 feet wide at greatest width, 40 feet is greatest height. Foundry is 152 feet long and 82 feet wide. The plant is so arranged that any department can be enlarged to double its size and not destroy the general plan of the building. 700,000 brick used. 300 tons steel used, exclusive of sprinkler system tower. 600 cubic feet of concrete. Nearly two tons of putty. 8,000 window lights. 60,000 rivets. Floor area is 50,000 square feet, equal to 1 1-10 acres. Floor area of old plant about 30,000 square feet. The floor is 9 inches thick, being constructed as follows: First 4 inches of crushed stone and tar, then 1 inch of sand and tar, then 3 inches of yellow pine, topped by 7-8 inch of maple flooring, matched. 35,900 feet of pipe in the building, about 7 miles, exclusive of sprinkler system. 78,000 square feet radiation. Two ten ton electric travelling cranes, costing \$5,500 installed. 10,000 feet of electric wiring. 50 lamps with a total capacity of 35,000 candle power. Current used to light them is equivalent to 45-horse power. Total power available is 225 K. W. or 300 horse power. Total horse power of 31 motors to be used in plant is 480. The cupola in the foundry can melt 27,000 pounds of iron per hour. As lined for present use it is 48 inches in diameter and will melt 18,000 pounds per hour. We are now casting 10,000 pounds per day. Five fire plugs, with 150 feet of 2 1-2 inch hose for each. The Rockwood sprinkler tower is 80 feet high, the tank proper being 20 feet in addition. Capacity is 50,000 gallons. The weight of the water alone is 420,000 pounds. 8,000 feet of pipe in the sprinkler system. 680 sprinkler heads, operating at 160 degrees Fah. The testing tower to be built within one year will be 160 feet high, 10 feet pit, and will use 110 tons of steel in construction. Total cost of plant without machinery, \$200,000. Payroll in Honesdale now amounts to \$125,000 per year. Now employ 150 outside of office (office force 30). Can employ 250 men. Now employ 100 men in New York. Can build about 400 elevators a year, doubling present capacity.

to the people of Honesdale the gratitude of the company. Your Board of Trade cultivated and developed the spirit which kept this business here. Your banks splendidly cooperated to finance this undertaking and your town officials in their liberal treatment of the company made it possible for us to get this fine location. Mr. Gurney did not have to go out of town for a dollar to build this plant. This company is a Honesdale proposition pure and simple, and has no entangling alliances with trusts."

In closing Mr. Carey said: "Some-

Homer Greene's Address.

Mr. McCarty next introduced Homer Greene who returned from New York late last evening. He spoke of what the others had said and the work of the Board of Trade on acquiring this great plant here and then launched into the main part of his address. "I was not asked to come here," said Mr. Greene, "I was merely notified that I must be here. During my thirty-six years here I do not remember of ever seeing so great an outpouring of the people on an occasion of this kind. This event is bound to become his-

THE OLD PLANT WILL CONTINUE IN OPERATION

Enthusiastic Speeches of Welcome on Behalf of Honesdale Delivered By Judge Searle, Burgess McCarty and the Author-Lawyer Homer Greene. Remarkably Happy Response for Mr. Gurney By Judge Robert Carey, of Jersey City.

DEATH OF CHILD WAS DUE TO PNEUMONIA

CORONER PETERSON CALLS INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF DEATH OF INFANT CHILD.

Dr. John D. Wilson, of the State Hospital, Scranton, Examines the Heart, Lungs and Liver and Says Death Was Due to Pneumonia.

Coroner Peterson received word from Dr. Wilson Wednesday afternoon to the effect that the latter had made an examination of the lungs of David Hopkins and that there could be no doubt as to the cause of death. He said that the child had died of pneumonia. Mr. Peterson reconvened the jury today and they found a verdict of death by pneumonia thereby clearing up the mystery surrounding the death of David Hopkins, two months' old son of Laura Gilson. There were circumstances connected with the case that caused Coroner Peterson to have an autopsy held.

Monday morning about five o'clock the two months' old son of Laura Gilson, who is employed in the home of Wm. L. Hopkins, near Aldenville, was found dead in bed. The child had been adopted by Mr. Hopkins about a month ago, having taken the legal steps necessary in the courts here so that the child would bear his name. The child's name was changed from David Gilson to David Hopkins.

Monday morning Mr. Hopkins came to Honesdale to see Coroner Peterson and to get a death certificate and burial permit and he told the coroner that the child had died of pneumonia. The coroner refused to grant a permit until he satisfied himself as to the facts in the case so he went to Aldenville that afternoon to investigate. A jury composed of Floyd Bennett, Frank Roe, Frank Foley, Oliver Frear, George O'Dell and C. L. Dunning was empaneled by Coroner Peterson and they viewed the body. Testimony of several witnesses was heard and among them were Mrs. Hopkins and Joe Welsh. They testified that the baby had not been sick. The Gilson girl and Hopkins testified that the baby had had a very bad cold for several days. Drs. E. W. Burns and P. E. Peterson performed an autopsy and sent the heart, lungs and liver to Dr. John D. Wilson, pathologist of the State hospital, Scranton, for an analysis of their contents and the jury adjourned until the report from Dr. Wilson was received.

In September of last year an infant child belonging to the same woman and adopted in the regular way by W. L. Hopkins in the courts of this county, died suddenly from an overdose of laudanum which had been administered accidentally, so the coroner was informed.

The funeral and burial took place Tuesday afternoon at Aldenville. D. W. Manning, traveling freight agent of the Erie railroad, attended the dedication of the new elevator plant on Wednesday evening.

orted by the churches. I was present at the opening of the Armory and I pray that the day will soon come when an armed force will not be necessary. However, never have I in all my experience obtained this particular type of real pleasure and greater satisfaction than in taking part in these exercises to-night. The opening and maintaining of a plant of this kind means the addition to our ranks of skilled mechanics and highly paid workmen. It is a great thing for the town and for the merchants who will receive their share of the distribution of the wages of the workmen. It will also mean greater commercial activity. Banks will increase their deposits and real estate values will become higher. However much the plant and its officers are benefactors, the fact that they remained here because they could stay here under better terms than they could get by leaving town. Much credit is due to Honesdale's Board of Trade, to the Business Men's Association and the banks. If these banks in the critical moment had not produced the money necessary for financing this enterprise, the plant would now be many miles away. With the opening of the doors of the plant the doors of opportunity opened to every man who desires to work. It has been said that the man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a benefactor. It could be better stated that the man who makes it possible for two men to work where one worked before is the man who opens the door of opportunity to many men to work at profitable wages."

After the Gurney Electric Elevator company shall have moved its machinery and equipment into the magnificent new building just dedicated the hum of wheels will continue to be heard at the Eleventh street plant. President H. F. Gurney, who has just been elected general manager of the Air Brake company, of New York city, informed a Citizen representative today that it is his expectation to manufacture a new safety device for stopping elevator cars. This device applies the brake to the guards alongside the elevator carriage and is equivalent to the Westinghouse air brake, which grabs the wheels of a railroad car. It is claimed, however, to be better than the Westinghouse patent in that the device is so attached as to take immediate hold of the guards and does not slip nor slide as do the wheels of a car on a track. There is no other device like this manufactured in the United States, and its being made in Honesdale will prove to be another acquisition that this town will have occasion to feel proud of. A new company will be organized to take care of this new business. In addition to the above, elevator signals will also be manufactured at the old Gurney plant. Mr. Gurney stated that this patent is one that has been applied for by the company's patent attorney, E. W. Marshall, of New York City. The signal has been worked out and perfected by Alexis LeBlanc, expert electrical engineer, who has charge of the experimental department under William M. Cumminskey.

The elevator signal device is an important factor in the manufacture of high speed elevators, like those manufactured at the Gurney plant. In a \$600,000 job in one of the large New York city buildings, a large percentage of the amount was represented in signals. When Mr. Gurney built the new plant he said he would not allow the old factory to remain idle. As a result Mr. Gurney is making two blades of grass grow where one grew before.

SKINNER STEERS LAST RAFT DOWN DELAWARE

MILANVILLE VETERAN LUMBERMAN IS LAST STEERSMAN ON THE DELAWARE.

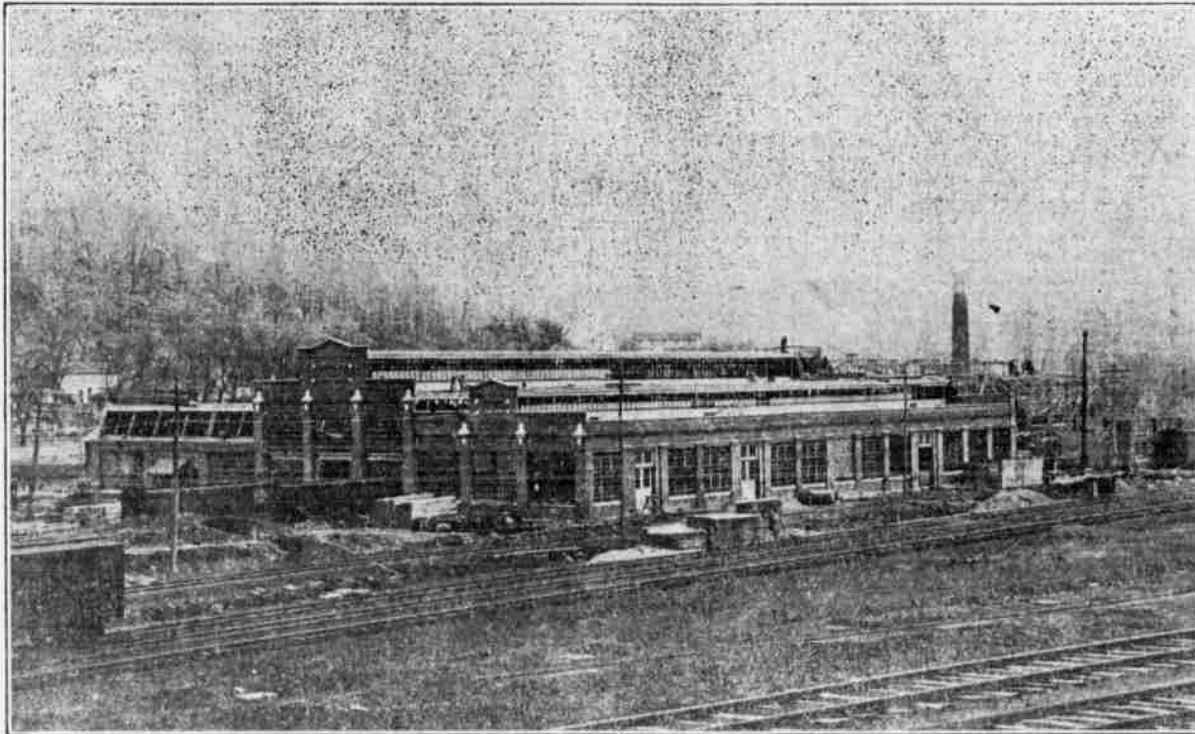
Last Week Interesting Trip Was Made From Equinunk to Bordentown—Raft 210x54 and Valued at \$1,000.

What will probably be the last raft of timber to go down the Delaware was started from Equinunk last week by Albert and Arthur Mitchell of Callicoon. Its destination was Bordentown, N. J., and the reason that it will probably be the last is because there is no more timber to be cut. Never more will the hundreds of rafts float to tide water every fresher as in years gone by, manned by men who knew the river as they did their own home towns, and who were as robust as their calling, making trip after trip as fast as the rafts could travel and sometimes continuing night and day in order to market the large amount of timber cut during the winter. The raft was 210 feet long and 54 feet wide and was made up of spile lumber. At the market price the raft was worth over \$1,000. It was made up in the river at Dillon's, three miles above Lordsville. Arthur Mitchell was the steersman, with William Skinner of Milanville, assisting on the stern oar. Albert Mitchell and Ralph Bush piled the forward oars. At Equinunk Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Tyner, Miss Grace Bullock and Claude Williams joined the party.

Mr. Skinner is the last steersman now able to navigate the Delaware, all the former steersmen either being too old to undertake the work or dead. He is a direct descendant of Daniel Skinner who ran the first raft down the Delaware river in 1764. He conceived the idea of binding together a number of big pine tree logs and floating the timber to Philadelphia where he found a ready market for it as masts of vessels. Since that time the Skinner family have always been represented on the river and have always borne the reputation of being fine steersmen, and the last of them, William Skinner, bears that reputation to-day. The family had the great distinction of running the first and last rafts that floated to tide-water on the Delaware, nearly a century and a half apart.

NEW MAIL DELIVERY.

Beginning Thursday, April 24, an additional mail delivery was effected on Main street. The service will include the Main streets between the State bridge at the corner of Twelfth street to Fifth street. This delivery gives the business men excellent service and includes mail from the 1:30 Erie and 3:15 D. & H. trains.



Judge Robert Carey's Address.

Burgess C. A. McCarty introduced to the large assemblage Judge Robert Carey, of Jersey City, as the next speaker. In making the introduction, Mr. McCarty stated that Judge Carey was a brother-in-law of Mr. Gurney and had had much to do with the legal part of the work of the Gurney Electric Elevator Company. Judge Carey is an orator of no mean ability and held the attention of his audience throughout his discourse. He said that he came to speak for Mr. Gurney. He said that the company was happy in the completion of their plant and happy at this demonstration of good will on the part of the people of Honesdale. The company made no mistake when it finally decided to locate here and the co-operation shown to them is the kind of spirit that is essential for the best development of any enterprise.

This plant represents a big investment of money but it isn't going to be an idle investment. Every dollar invested here is going to work not only for the good of the company but for the good of Honesdale where most of the stock and bonds of the company are held. No man can live for himself alone in the world. Neither can the company live for itself. Its failure would mean blight to the community; its success would mean prosperity to you.

This is the way the Gurney Electric Elevator company feels toward Honesdale. It takes money to build factories, and make it a success but we have found both here and on this occasion I want to express publicly

one has said that today is better than yesterday. Men live and advance and are not afraid to trust the future. Tomorrow is better than today because in it lies the future of untold prosperity and happiness for Honesdale."

toric for it is without a doubt one of the greatest events in the history of Honesdale. I have spoken on many occasions. I have been present at dedications of churches and discoursed on the peace, law and order as the forces and influence ex-

Rowland, The Jeweler's Removal Sale

When I move, I want to take with me just as little as possible. For that reason, I am selling certain goods at reduced prices in order to make my moving easier.

My new location is going to be the Schuerholz Building, opposite the Post Office. The store is going to be a modern one.

It is going to be one of the finest in our state and I am sure the good people of Honesdale will be as proud of it as I am of my city.

It is much to your interest to buy your jewelry requirements now before I move.

It means a saving of money.

Here are some money savers:

Eagle, Red Men, Masonic and all fraternal order buttons at 25 per cent. discount.

Sterling silver novelties at 20 per cent. discount.

In our window now.

For these three days only.

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