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Convention and Parade

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STROUDSBURG, PENNA.
Friday and Saturday, June 16-17
stroudsburg and its resources—continued

system in each borough. also the following churches: two methodist, two presbyterian, two lutheran, one reformed, one catholic, one baptist, one episcopal, one quaker, one christian science, one seven day adventist, and one colored methodist and one colored baptist. we have four national banks, one trust company, two daily papers and four weekly papers. each borough has an active board of trade which is doing much to promote the interests of their respective boroughs. both have accomplished much good within the past few years.

two world's records broken

stroudsburg can well be proud of two world's records made by her citizens. the first was made at the stroudsburg woolen mill may 19, 1898. in the almost miraculous time of 6 hours and 4 minutes wool was sheared from sheep and a suit of clothes was made for thomas kitson, proprietor of the mill. the world's record of 8 hours, held in scotland, was thus beaten by 1 hour and 54 minutes. at 6:30 a.m., six fine sheep stood in the rear of the mill and the shears soon had the raw material in the hands of the sorter. before the yarn reached the hands of the weaver it was subjected to the following preparations: spooling, dressing, weaving, banding, reeling, and then the making of the cloth began. after coming from the loom occurred the fulling, washing, extracting, drying, shearing, pressing and general finishing. in two and a half hours more the tailor and his assistants turned out the finished suit.

the other record was made by the stroudsburg times, april 2, 1898. in eight and one-half hours two living poplar trees were cut down, made into paper, and the evening edition of the stroudsburg times printed thereon. at the hour of 7 a.m., workmen from the minsi pulp and paper mills cut down the trees which stood a short distance from the works. in an hour the poplars were ready to be sucked up into the machine for refining and extracting the water. this done, it passed into the "four driver" and by 9 o'clock the paper had come from the machinery, cleaned and ready for use. at 10:30 o'clock the paper was in the times' press-room ready to be printed upon, and in a few hours more the paper was delivered to its subscribers.
G. CLAYTON BROWN
President of The Four-County Firemen's Association
The two companies of the Borough, the Phoenix and the Chemicals, acted independently until the passage of an ordinance by the Borough Council on the 7th of December, 1910, which merged them into a department, known as the Stroudsburg Fire Department. This measure was framed by a committee selected by the two companies as follows: Phoenix, R. B. Keller, J. J. White and David Palmer; Chemicals, S. E. Shull, A. F. Everitt and J. L. Harbaugh.

The measure was drawn after the committee had made a careful study of the ordinances of other communities of about the size of Stroudsburg, and which were applicable and the result is that the department is governed by one of the best measures in existence anywhere. Every protection is thrown around the individual fireman and lives and property safeguarded as far as possible in a measure of this kind. Fire patrols are provided and the companies have the right to use any vehicle on the street at the time of an alarm of fire for assisting them in getting their apparatus to the scene of trouble. Provisions are also made for the popular election of the Chief and Assistant Chief of the department, the terms of office being one year from the date of confirmation by Council. The heads of the department are chosen by a convention which is made up of fire members of each of the companies, and presided over by the President of Council, while the Clerk of that body acts as the clerk of the convention. Proper supervision of the apparatus is provided for, inspections and reports and so on. No intoxicating liquors of any kind are permitted to be brought on the premises of the companies of the department and members may be suspended or expelled for cause. The first heads of the department were chosen in March and are Harvey Smith, of the Phoenix Company, Chief, and J. Clarence Shafer, of the Chemical Company, Assistant Chief. These men are enthusiastic and take great pride in their work and in seeing to it that the apparatus is kept in the very pink of condition at all times. Both companies are comfortably housed.
OFFICIAL PROGRAM
THE CONVENTION

Friday, June 16th

11.00 a. m.—Reception of Delegates.

1.00 p. m.—Court House. Selection, Stroudsburg Band.
Prayer, Rev. C. E. Roth, Pastor Zion Reformed Church.
Address of Welcome for Stroudsburg.

C. D. Evans, Chief Burgess.
Address of Welcome for the Firemen.
S. E. Shull, Esq., President Chemical Co., No. 1.
Response for the Four County Firemen's Association.

Prof. A. H. Buck, Catasauqua.
Selection, Bangor Band.

1.00 to 5.00 p. m.—Business Session.

1.00 to 5.00 p. m.—Concert, Bangor Band.

7.00 to 9.00 p. m.—Business Session.

7.00 to 9.00 p. m.—Concert, Bangor Band.

9.30 p. m.—Complimentary Banquet to the Delegates at Hotel Fulmer.

Saturday, June 17th

8.30 a. m.—Complimentary Trip to Delegates Over the Mountain View Trolley to Delaware Water Gap.

Reception of Visiting Fire Companies.

11.00 a. m.—Annual Meeting of the Keystone Fire Chief's Association, in the Parlor of the Phoenix Fire Company.

1.30 p. m.—Parade of Visiting Fire Companies.
Awarding of Prizes.

7.30 to 9.30 p. m.—Concert of the Schwab Band, of Bethlehem, of 80 Pieces, on the Band Stand, on North Seventh Street.

Home, Sweet Home.
ALONG THE ANALOMINK—NEAR STRoudSBURG
Committee of Arrangements

GENERAL COMMITTEE


Stroudsburg Chemical Company, No. 1.—A. F. Everitt, G. D. Michaels and Frank P. Edinger.

Acme Hose Company, East Stroudsburg.—W. A. Hughes, George B. Clark and C. P. Smith.

Officers of General Committee.—G. C. Brown, Chairman; George Nevil, Vice-Chairman; A. F. Everitt, Secretary; W. A. Hughes, Assistant Secretary; G. D. Michaels, Treasurer.

SUB COMMITTEES


Transportation and Convention Room.—R. J. Keller, J. J. White, Phoenix; George Dunning, Acme.


Invitation.—The Members of the General Committee.

Prizes.—A. F. Everitt, G. D. Michaels, Chemicals; W. A. Hughes, Acme.

Advertising.—The Members of the General Committee.

Badges.—T. C. Brown, Phoenix; G. W. Racener, Chemicals; M. J. Callahan, Acme.

Banquet.—The Members of the General Committee.

Parade.—II. E. Smith, J. J. White, Phoenix; A. G. Tuller, S. E. Shull, Chemicals; C. P. Smith, Acme.

Music.—M. E. Miller, Phoenix; Robert Merwin, Chemicals; Edgar Rinker, Acme.


Entertainment.—T. C. Brown, Phoenix; F. P. Edinger, Chemicals; C. I. Smith, Acme.
HARVEY E. SMITH
Chief Stroudsburg Fire Department

J. CLARENCE SHAFFER
Assistant Chief Stroudsburg Fire Department
Formation and Route of Parade

Saturday, June 17th

First Division forms on Main Street, above Ninth
Second Division forms on North Ninth Street.
Third Division forms on Williams Street.
Fourth Division forms on North Eighth Street.
Fifth Division forms on South Eighth Street.

The Line of Parade will be down Main Street, Stroudsburg, crossing the Brodhead's Creek bridge, up Brown Street, passing the Silk Mill up to the Catholic Church. down South Courtland Street, to Washington Street, up Washington Street to Crystal Street. Crystal Street to Analomink Street, from Analomink Street to South Courtland Street, South Courtland Street to Washington Street. down Washington Street, crossing Brodhead's Creek bridge, up Main Street, to Pocono bridge. continue down Main Street to Seventh, up Seventh to Court House Square. dismiss. The distance covered by the line of march is about three miles.
The history of the Phoenix Fire Company, No. 2, of Stroudsburg, dates back more than half a century, but like most of the other old companies, its old records have disappeared and but little information is to be obtained concerning its early career. As nearly as can now be stated it was in 1842 that a meeting of citizens was called to take steps toward protecting the town from fire. Among those who were active in the matter were M. B. Postea, John N. Stokes, Darius Dreher, Peter Born, Frank Landers, Mason Tock. A company was organized which these parties and others connected themselves with, and of which John N. Stokes was made president and M. B. Postea, Captain. A small hand engine was bought in Philadelphia, and as it seems to have already borne the name of "Humane," it is probable that it was purchased second-hand from the company of that name in that city, and apparently for economy's sake the Stroudsburg Company assumed the same name and became the Humane Fire Company. The engine was for many years housed in a small building upon the Masonic lot.

In 1865 a large hand engine was bought from the Phoenix Fire Company of Easton, when that company secured the first steam fire engine in the Lehigh Valley, and for evidently the same reason as before, the Humane Company now became the Phoenix.

With the new and larger engine came the desire for better quarters and in 1867 a lottery was held which proved a success, and with the funds thus obtained the handsome building still occupied on North Seventh street, fronting the Court House Square was erected. In 1871 a Clapp & Jones steamer was purchased, and the hand engine discarded. This, with the two new hose carts purchased by the borough a year or so ago, and about 4,000 feet of hose constitutes the present equipment. There are none of the original charter members active members, but T. C. Brown, an associate member, is one of the originals and he likes fire work as much as he ever did.

Of those who have served as Presidents of the company, no complete list can be given. A. O. Greenmald held the office in 1873, with H. C. Huston at a slightly later date. Then came J. S. Williams, 1881; R. B. Keller, 1882-1885; H. S. Wolfe, 1886; J. J. White, 1887-1888; F. W. Born, 1889-1896; J. J. White, 1897-1898; D. G. Palmer, 1899; J. K. Spragle, 1900-1901; A. R. J. Wallace, 1902; Dimmick Edinger, 1903-1904; G. Clayton Brown, 1905; Allen Marsh, 1906; H. F. Miller, 1907; H. E. Stofflet, 1908; D. G. Palmer, 1909; James K. Spragle, 1910.

The present officers are: President, Dimmick Edinger; Vice-President, Lewis Shiffer; Recording Secretary, George W. Novil; Financial Secretary.
Phoenix Fire Company No. 2—Continued

George Shackleton; Treasurer, M. E. Miller; Foreman, Eugene Bowlby; Assistant Foreman, Allen Marsh; Engineer, Martin Bush; Assistant Engineer, George Shackleton; Trustees, George W. Nevil, G. C. Brown, J. F. Pierson.


The company has handsomely furnished quarters, furnishings that cost many hundreds of dollars. Besides they have many souvenirs of fires and of parades and pictures that are very valuable to the company. One member, Edward Cavenee, was killed while fighting the Fulmer House fire, March 12, 1885, and he was the only faithful member that met death while on duty.

The company has an organized relief fund under the state law and officered by members who look after it with great care. Just recently the boys remodelled a room for a card room and office for the chief and have furnished it in a lavish manner and at a considerable outlay of money. It is one of the flourishing companies of the Four County Association and has now furnished two presidents of that organization, P. B. Keller and G. Clayton Brown, and one president of the State Association, R. B. Keller.
FEELING that there was need for an additional fire company in the Borough of Stroudsburg, a number of gentlemen interested in that movement met in the summer parlor of the Hotel Fulmer on the evening of February 12, 1909, and formed a temporary organization. The weather conditions were bad, still there was a good sized turnout of men and all were enthusiastic for the formation of another company. They realized that it meant a lot of the hardest kind of work, but they faced the task manfully and that they have succeeded is best evidenced by the excellent equipment they have and the handsomely furnished quarters they occupy.

Originally the name of the company was adopted as the Stroudsburg Chemical and Hook and Ladder Company, So. 1. Officers were chosen and that they have proven satisfactory to the members is only necessary to state there have been practically no changes in the personnel since.

From the first the boys worked in perfect harmony and there was nothing too much trouble for them. The result, after holding carnivals, amateur minstrel shows and other events to raise funds, with the aid of the citizens of the borough, who contributed liberally, there was sufficient money on hand to warrant the appointment of a committee to buy a chemical engine. They looked in the various makes and finally decided upon a Kanawha, a new machine, but one that has given the best satisfaction here. The arrival of the engine was marked by holding a parade of the fire companies of the two boroughs and there was a fire test and speeches by Judge C. B. Staples and Hon. A. M. Palmer. It was one of the big nights in the history of the company.

It was then decided to incorporate and the necessary application was made to the courts of the county. The name originally decided upon being deemed too long it was changed to Stroudsburg Chemical Company, No. 1, and on February 19, 1910, a little over a year from the time the original meeting was held to organize the company, the charter of incorporation was granted. Then the boys were happy, they were somebody, sure enough.

After the engine had been bought by the company through the means mentioned, the question of quarters came up and this was a tough nut to crack. There was no money in the local treasury to erect a building and borough council was appealed to. The borough fathers expressed themselves in hearty sympathy with the movement and offered the town lot on Ann street for the purpose and it was proposed to erect a brick building thereon for the quarters of the "Hooks," as the company was popularly known and is still. It had about been decided to accept the proposition for that location, when it was
CHEMICAL CO., No. 1 HEADQUARTERS—Court House Square
learned that it was possible to secure a lease of a long term of years on the Old County House, a building that had been used for the officers of the county in years gone by. Quite a lot of work was made necessary to bring about the deal, but it was eventually successful and the borough council remodelled the place and the handsome and well equipped structure of today is the result.

Not only is the home of the company pretty from an architectural point of view but there is every convenience, including club room and a handsomely furnished parlor. The building is heated by steam and there is nothing that could be desired that is not included in it. The boys and the people of the borough are proud of the place which faces the public square and is centrally located.

The officers of the company are as follows: President, S. E. Shull; Vice-President, George W. Racener; Secretary, A. F. Everitt; Treasurer, George D. Michaels; Foreman, J. L. Harbaugh; Assistant Foreman, Jerome W. Marsh; Directors, C. L. Wallace, Robert Merwin, Robert Evans, Charles T. Mansfield and Frank P. Edinger; Janitor, J. P. Allison Everitt. Mr. Harbaugh, the foreman, was the company's first chief, that was before the formation of the department which eliminated that office and made the Foreman the ranking officer. He was then chosen for the latter position.

Acme Hose Company, No. 1

Here is one of the best fire companies in the Four County Association located in the borough of East Stroudsburg, the Acme Hose Company, No. 1. This company was organized on the 7th of April, 1890. There was a demand for some time for the formation of a fire company in the borough and as a result a meeting was held and the decision arrived at to form such an organization. There were 38 members on the charter list with John McNeal as president; C. S. Hoffman, vice-president; A. R. Brittain, recording secretary; J. H. Zacharias, financial secretary; Jas. Fable, treasurer; A. W. Teeter, chief; C. R. Martz, foreman. The organization effected, the question of quarters came up and after a time the Borough Council acted favorably on the request of the company and the present building was erected.

This was in 1891, only a year later, thus showing that they were alive to the needs of the borough and were willing to provide the proper accommodation for the fire laddies. They took a step in advance, too, and built for the future, that is they built so that the firemen would have a proper place in which to meet and care for their apparatus and at the same time to take care of the borough's business. This was done by erecting a brick building, part of which was used for the firemen and the balance for the council chamber and the borough lockup.

The firemen have a room of ample proportions on the first floor for the housing of their apparatus and the parlor is in the front of the second floor. The latter is furnished in a very neat manner and it is a home that the boys can well take pardonable pride in. Here, too, are displayed the trophies that the company has won in competitions in which respect it has been very fortunate. It is a well-drilled organization and does not have to be ashamed of its performances anywhere. In fact, it is recognized as one of the big attractions wherever it has gone on parade.

The borough is fortunate in having a fine water pressure and as a result it has not been necessary to equip the company with a steamer. This is a saving of money to the borough and at the same time the company's efficiency is made all the greater. The water is furnished by the municipal plant. The equipment of the company includes a Rumsey Hook and Ladder truck, a four wheel hose cart, a two wheel cart and 2,000 feet of hose. The borough has been fortunate in the matter of fires and the company has consequently not been called upon to do a great deal of service. This is a matter of congratulation. Whenever the occasion has called, the boys have been found equal to the emergency. The biggest fire in years was that of Feb. 6, 1910, when the
Crystal Spring Hotel was destroyed. The thermometer showed zero weather at the time.


The present officers are: President, E. M. Walters; Vice-President, Norman Treible; Financial Secretary, E. Yonkins; Recording Secretary, W. A. Hughes; Treasurer, Charles Hartman; Chief, Charles Hoffman; Foreman, David Carlton; First Assistant Foreman, Frank Walters; Second Assistant Foreman, C. Woodling.

AFTER THE FLOOD OF 1889—Mils Street Above Fifth
INTERNATIONAL BOILER WORKS—Upper Plant
AFTER THE FLOOD OF 1903—Main Street
THE OLD STROUD HANSION—Corner of Main and Ninth Streets

ORIGINAL STROUD SPRING
SCOTT STREET—Looking West From Seventh Street

SEVENTH STREET—Court House in the Distance
THOMAS STREET—Looking West From Fifth

STROUDSBURG HOSPITAL—Sarah Street
SECURITY TRUST CO.—The Home of the Stroudsburg Industrial Club

STROUDSBURG CUT GLASS FACTORY
MAIN STREET—Looking East From Above Fifth

MAIN STREET—Looking West From Above Fifth
JACOB STROUD'S GRAVE
In Old Cemetery, Corner Main and Third Streets

MAPLE PLANTED BY JACOB STROUD
This tree stands in the yard of Mr. E. A. Bell, No. 507 Main St.
JACOB STROUD'S GRAVE
In Old Cemetery, Corner Main and Third Streets

MAPLE PLANTED BY JACOB STROUD
This tree stands in the yard of Mr. E. A. Bell, No. 907 Main St.
CROSSING THE MOUNTAIN ON THE MOUNTAIN VIEW TROLLEY LINE
ALONG THE LACKAWANNA RAILROAD—NEAR STRoudSBURG
GROUNDS OF EAST STROUDSBURG STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

BROAD STREET
THOMAS STREET—Looking East From Residence of Congressman Palmer on the Left

NORTH SIXTH STREET
ALONG THE POCONO