Do You Remember?

by Joseph A. Fleming

We have present an early picture of Active Hose Company. It was taken about "nineteen-five," about ten years after its organization, and here and there among the group, shows an occasional chart or member. In fact, the back row from left to right are: C. W. Brice, Louie Canfield, J. A. Hashcrock, Romance De Bois, Walter Hargrove, and Peter Ford. The picture, which was taken, accounts for our inability to recognize any of the bystanders in the background. The picture by no means shows the complete roster of the fire company of that period. This is a "Constitution Picture" containing only those members who were able to leave their work and duties to attend. Those unable to attend the convention probably constitutes one-third of the entire organization.

There must be somewhere else other picture taken locally and considerably earlier which shows the pioneer and charter members as they frequently paraded in the nineties, minus uniforms.

Active Hose was organized after the fire of "nineteen-five." The history of its organization and the participants therein we hope to make the subject of an article after adequate research. Active Hose usually made a good impression at convention parades. Minus the bizarre and devoid of decoration they were well drilled and often, cleverly executed figure cutting and tactical military formations to the high approval of many along the line of march in convention towns and cities.

Their demonstrator abilities in fire control helped greatly to keep down the local fire insurance rates.

The reorganization and modernizing of this company being beyond the ninety year range of these articles and somewhat too near the present to study in historical perspective we will defer comment thereon until later.

Personal note: Our old-time directory of Rosendale as compiled to date contains about five thousand and names send in the names of your forebears to insure inclusion thereof.

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Mrs. Thorpe has returned to her home after spending several days in New York City. Shortly after she visited Mrs. Rooney, a former resident of this town, and also attended the graduation exercises of her daughter, Mildred, at St. Sinai Hospital.

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