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## Pages Out of the Past



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No. 100

Joseph Fleming

Here is a picture that reveals a violent phase of a troubled period. It shows the dynamited bridge at DeWitts Mill shortly after it was

wrecked thirty-nine years ago. The damage is being inspected by a group whom we believe to be officials of "The Consolidated." This is indicated by the presence of that company's works manager Daniel A. Barnhart among them.

Mr. Barnhart stands near the telegraph pole with his arm raised as if pointing. We cannot definitely identify any of the others. Can you?

This bridge crossed the public highway at DeWitts Mill. It was an important part of the private road that connected several inland mills with tide water at Eddyville. Over it was transported most of the output of these mills and much of their requirements in stock, fuel and other supplies, hence it was a vital point to the Binnewater, Whiteport section of the Consolidated enterprises and concern was felt for equally important sections. In "Nineteen one" Rosendale Cement was on the way out and all efforts to bolster local manufacture seems only to have postponed the inevitable.

Responsibility for this act still remains one of our local mysteries. This was the largest bridge along the six mile private tract of the Consolidated. This transport facility and ten miles of canal could only at great cost be protected against a repetition of the dynamiting. The company's mills were likewise exposed, however, there is no record of any similar attempt being made

upon the property of this corporation which, after desperate attempts to compete with the increasingly popular Portland cements, finally abandoned all its local mills. This picture was loaned by Mrs. Cornelius LeFever. It was originally the property of her grandfather Daniel A. Barnhart who at the time of this incident was general manager of the Consolidated plants from Lawrenceville to Eddyville. Mr. Barnhart was born in High Falls in eighteen forty-three and was, except for the bare rudiments, wholly self-educated. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was captured by the Confederates at Gettysburg. He became superintendent of the Delafield and Baxter Cement Co. at High Falls when twenty-eight years old. He later operated the Hudson River Cement Works and was also the owner of two stores, one at Creek Locks, the other at East Kingston. In the eighties he entered the coal business with James McCausland at Rondout. Later he superintended the T. R. Keator Cement Works which he purchased. In the middle nineties he engaged as superintendent of the Beach Plant at Binnewater and at the formation of the Consolidated became their first works manager, yielding the superintendency to his son the late Mower Barnhart to whom this writer still feels obligated for an important promotion made nearly forty years ago.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### St. Peter's Church

##### SUNDAY MASSES

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
St. Peter's at 7:30 - 9 - 11 A. M.

##### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be held every Sunday morning at 10 A. M. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Rosendale.

There will be services at the Church every Sunday of this month at 4:00 P. M. There will be Rosary, Benediction and short instructions.

#### Rosendale Reformed Church

Albert H. Shultis, Pastor  
Phone Rosendale 15

Church School, Mr. Harry Wesp, Supt. 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.

Junior 6:45 P. M. Helen Wesp, Supt. in charge.

#### Tillson Reformed Church

Sunday Service, 9:30 Church Service.

10:30 Sunday School.  
Rev. B. Thaden.

### CHURCH NOTES

#### All Saints Episcopal Church

9:30 Church School  
10:15 A. M. Eucharist  
All Saints Guild 3rd Thurs., 8 P.M.

#### St. John's Church, High Falls

8 A. M. Eucharist  
9:30 Church School  
7:30 P. M. Eversong  
St. John's Guild, Wed. 8 P. M.  
Men's Club, 3rd Tuesday, 8 P.M.

#### Friends Church, Tillson

Sunday Service, 11:00 A. M.  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.

#### All Saints Episcopal Church Rosendale, N. Y.

The Rev. A. F. Marlier, Pastor  
Residence: Stone Ridge  
If needed for the sick or any other church needs, call High Falls 2283.

Sunday, 10:15 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon.

#### The Bloomington Reformed Church

Rev. W. K. Haysom, Pastor  
Sunday

Morning Service 9:45 A. M.  
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.

##### Mid-Week Service

Wednesday  
Young People 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer meeting, 8:30 P. M.  
St. Remy

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