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THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE

It has long been our contention that the newspaper of the future will be tabloid in size. This will not necessarily be an unfortunate developement. For one thing, a great deal of excess verbiage will be eliminated. Articles will be more concise and compact, but not less informative. Much will be said in little space. This substance, but not the superficial adornment, will be there.

BRINGING INDUSTRIES TO ROSENDALE

Several have reported keen interest in last week's item in reference to the establishment of national defense industry in Rosendale. Morris C. Cooke, engineering consultant of the National Defense Commission has a program for decentralizing national defense activities by turning out work to small towns and to small industrial units. As stated last week, Mr. Cooke is primarily concerned with heeling from smaller communities where local interests are banding together and poolng their industrial facilities with the view to sharing in defense work.

It is hoped, and even expected, that the Town Board and the Village Board will get together and take some action on this. Any individual may do so, and at least one expects to write for further details.

Supervisor Mooney and other Board Members have expressed interest in the idea and think that some new industry can be brought here.

It is expected that there will be a joint Village and Town Board meeting on this.

Season's Greetings

To All

Alfred Trandle
Supt. of Highways

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We herewith present the first of two pictures showing the area designated by the "fire of ninety-five" which located a long stretch of the business section on the north side of Main Street. This picture was taken while the rain was still smoking and many of the details may not show clearly in the reproduction.

This fire occurred on the evening of August 25, 1895. It began in the East band of the R. & C. LeFever Company's coal, lumber and grocery establishment. At that time Rosendale had no fire company or water system and the fire spread rapidly bringing Rosendale one of its most exciting sights and going to a number of village youngsters, including this writer, the thrill of their lives "all night out."

Tifanic efforts on the part of the bucket brigades saved all the buildings on the opposite side of the street and in front with the assistance of fire engines from Kingston, checked the flames at strategic points. The upper extremity of the fire was at the brick building then newly built by Robert Archer, Clerk. It is now the office of our town clerk.

Below this building was the old time J. A. Snyder Co. General Store subdivided into grocery and dry goods departments. It was then occupied by the Snyder Drug Co., and if we remember correctly, incorporated the post office under William Conroy who acted as Postmaster Eli Depuy. We write information here or elsewhere.

Next to Snyder's stood the Oudney Piano store. Thence came the beautiful newly built and classically designed second Reformed Church which had just replaced the earlier church. Then came the parsonage. Below this was the lovely stucco stucco cottage of Dr. Robinson with its walled in patio where a variety of flowers attracted admiration. Adjacent was the R. & C. LeFever Coal and Lumber yards, the upper portion of which is shown in this picture.

The fire extended down to what is now the Mackenzie doorway. Next week's picture and article will deal with that section.

The buildings on the opposite side of the street and in the James Street background are considerably the same as they were in ninety-five.

Changes of interest include the Tom O'Hara place of seventy years ago and later known as the Samuel Bakley. This building was remodeled by Dr. Keator and is now the Mooney home. Next to this was built a two family apartment.

Other changes observable are that across the creek this writers homestead stood then stood considerably distant from the other buildings. Since then however, four residences have been erected in the space indicated.

Old timers should read and recognize the rode tops in the foreground as being those of the healing shop and cooperate connected with the Black Smoke Mill from the Kiln head of which both of the pictures took very nicely were taken. A glimpse too is to be had of the old canal which was then a very busy waterway. These interesting pictures are published thru the courtesy of Mr. Louis Costello whom we hope will be pleased with the historical facts with which they are associated. See our in Illustrated article for a survey of the lower section of this great fire.

HELEN'S beauty salon
HENRY'S barber shop

If you have something you do not wish to trade, trade it for something which you have use for. These notices should advertisements and get results.