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THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE

It has long been our contention that the newspaper of the future will long-winded orator or the writer be tabloid in size. This will not who buries his message in an necessarily be an unfortunate de- abundance of language? velopment. For one thing, a great there.

Who is more tiresome than the

"Curt, clear, complete" is the deal of excess verbiage will be slogan of Time the Weekly Newseliminated. Articles will be more magazine. Multum in parvo. Much concise and compact but not less in little. Good things come in small informative. Much will be said in packages. We are proud that our little space. The substance, but not paper is a tabloid. Watch us grow, the superfluous adornment, will be not in size of sheet but in influence.

BRINGING INDUSTRIES TO ROSENDALE

Several have reported keen in- work. terest in last week's item in reference to the establishment of national defense industry work in Rosendale. Morris L. Cooke, engineering consultant of the National Defense Commission has a program for decentralizing national defense activities by farming out work to small towns and to small industrial units.

As stated last week Mr. Cooke is primarily concerned with hearing from smaller ...communities where local interests are banding together and pooling their industrial facilities a joint Village and Town Board with the view to sharing in defense meeting on this.

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

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

It is expected that there will be

Season's Greetings To All



Alfred Irandle

Supt. of Highways

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Pages Out of the Past





Pages Out of the Past No. 101 Joseph Fleming

We herewith present the first of two pictures showing the area de- town clerk. vastated by the "fire of ninety-five" which leveled a long stretch of the business section on the north side of Main Street. This picture was taken while the ruins were still smoking and many of the details

This fire occurred on the evening of August 25,1895. It began in the

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pany'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 nights and giving to a number of village youngsters, including this writer, the thrill of their first "all night out."

Titanic efforts on the part of the bucket brigades saved all the buildings on the opposite side of the street and later with the assistance of fire engines from Kingston, checked the flames at strategetic points. The upper extremity of the fire was at the brick building then newly built by Robert Archer, Clothier. It is now the office of our

Below this building was the old time J. A. Snyder Cos. General Store subdivided into grocery and dry goods departments. It was then beingoperated as the Snyder Melleret Co., and if we remember cormay not show clearly in the repro- rectly, accomodated the post office under William Conell who acted for Postmaster Eli Depuy. We invite information here or elsewhere.

> Next to Snyders stood the Rodney Polley shoe store. Then 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 cottage of Dr. Robinson with its walled in patio where a variety of flowers attracted admiration. Adjoining was the R. & C. LeFever great fire.

barn of the R. & C. Lefever Com- Coal and Lumber yards, the upper portion of which is shown in this picture.

The fire extended on down to what is now the Mackenzie dooryard. Next weeks 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 Sammons Bakery. 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 then stood considerably distant from the other buildings. Since then however, four residences have been erected in the space indicated.

Old timers should read ily recognize the roof tops in the foreground as being those of the heating shop and cooperage connected with the Black Smoke Mill from the KILN head of which both of the pictures under study 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 thro the courtesy of Mr. Louis Conklin whom we hope will be pleased with the historical facts with which they are associated. See our next illustrated article for a survey of the lower section of this

